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Football carnival kicks off in Qatar today

Host meets Ecuador in the opening game of the 22nd edition of the extravaganza at Al Bayt stadium

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The government has asked departments to withhold promotion process temporarily where reservation is applicable, as a new roaster is being formulated under the hiked quota for SCs and STs.
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Ukraine returnees start withdrawing admissions

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Unenthused by the university mobility programme, most Ukraine-returned medical students are withdrawing admissions from various Ukraine universities. » Page 6

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Srinagar set for a ₹980-cr. makeover

Cycling tracks, pedestrian-friendly pathways and markets, streamlined traffic system will be in place in six months under the Smart City Project

Smart move: The Jhelum riverfront is getting a facelift with a cycling track and more. NISSAR AHMAD

Peerzada Ashiq
SRINAGAR

The historical and cultural character of Srinagar, Jammu & Kashmir's summer capital with around 4,000 years of written history, is set for a revamp.

Under the ₹980-crore Srinagar Smart City Project, the "Venice of the East", with its waterbodies, Mughal-era gardens and British-era boulevards and bungalows, will achieve many firsts over the next six months, including better urban mobility and water transport, conservation of heritage sites, development of pedestrian-friendly pathways and markets, and an intelligent traffic management system.

By March next year, Srinagar's Polo View market, situated under the shade of mighty chinar trees, will display a new yet colonial-era look. Established in 1954 by former J&K Prime Minister Bakshi Ghulam Mohammad, the Polo View market will be Valley's first well-equipped pedestrian-friendly market, designed especially to improve tourists' buying experience. "Polo View will emerge as a unique showpiece market. We expect a more European look to this high-end market. The Smart City project will restore the market's old foreign tourist-friendly charm. It will be calmer and cleaner," Haji Ismail Bhat, 75, president of the Polo View Market Association, told *The Hindu*.

One hitherto shabby façade of the market already sports a snow white colour with carved fascia planks for roofing. This will be followed by a cladding of ornamental, black *dhajji dewari* (timber planks) on the 450-feet-long double-rowed stretch of the market.

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If we ignore Tamil, it will be a great disservice to the nation, says Modi

Mayank Kumar
VARANASI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Kashi Tamil Sangamam in Varanasi on Saturday, highlighting the bond between Kashi and Tamil Nadu, both being ancient centres of culture and civilisation.

In his inaugural address, which he began by greeting the audience with '*Vanakkam Kashi, Vanakkam Tamil Nadu, Har Har Mahadev*', he said that India is a nation that has lived in natural cultural unity for thousands of years and despite having one of the world's oldest living languages, i.e. Tamil, "we have failed to honour it fully". He said, "This is the responsibility of 130 crore Indians to preserve the legacy of Tamil and enrich it. If we ignore Tamil, we do a great disservice to the nation, and if we keep Tamil confined in restrictions, we will do it great harm."

The Prime Minister expressed hope in this event acting as a catalyst to generate the feeling of '*Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat*' (One India, Best India), and took the opportunity to honour the '*aadhinams*' (religious leaders) of Tamil Nadu's various religious places and monasteries.

He also released the translated versions of the Thirukkural, originally written in Tamil, and interacted with students from Tamil Nadu who had come to visit Kashi.

Cultural connect: Narendra Modi at the inauguration of the Kashi Tamil Sangamam in Varanasi on Saturday. PTI

The PM's speech in Hindi was simultaneously translated into Tamil as a large number of people in the audience were from Tamil Nadu.

The inauguration ceremony witnessed various cultural performances, including a vocal rendition by music maestro Ilaiyaraaja.

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Two arrested in voter data 'theft' case

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The police on Saturday arrested two persons belonging to an NGO in the case relating to the alleged voters' data theft, while as many as 12 special teams have been formed to probe the case.

On Saturday, several offices and houses belonging to Chilume Educational Cultural and Rural Development Trust, the NGO, were raided. The police seized documents and electronic gadgets pertaining to their work for further investigation.

The trust, permitted by the BBMP to do house-to-house voter awareness campaign, is accused of collecting voter data illegally. Employees of the trust collected data from voters in Bengaluru posing as booth-level officers, it is alleged. The BBMP in early November cancelled permission granted to the NGO, following complaints. The Congress has accused the BJP of being complicit in this "scam", while the latter has denied the allegations.

"While, the two persons, identified as Dharmesh and Renuka Prasad, have been taken into police custody, the prime accused are still on the run," Srinivas Gowda, DCP, Central Division, said.

Mr. Gowda said that the focus of the investigation would be on what type of data was collected and for whom. "A detailed probe has been ordered into the case. Even though the Opposition is demanding a judicial probe, the police is capable of handling this," Home Minister Araga Jnanendra said.

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CM says it was Congress that 'illegally' roped in NGO

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

As the political tussle over alleged voter data theft in Bengaluru gathered momentum, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai late on Saturday issued a rebuttal to the Opposition allegation that the ruling party had used the NGO, Chilume Educational Cultural and Rural Development Trust, roped in to carry out the voter awareness campaign, to tampering with voters' list in its favour.

Attempting to turn the tables on the Opposition, he said that it was instead the Congress that had indulged in "illegal" practices through the same agency while in power.

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Everybody's asset: A visitor posing for a picture during the COP-27 climate summit in Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt, on Saturday. REUTERS

COP-27 likely to agree on fund to redress climate damage

Jacob Koshy
NEW DELHI

Delegates at a UN climate conference in Sharm El-Sheikh continue to negotiate a final agreement, with the latest draft suggesting the creation of a fund to compensate a section of developing countries for the damage already done by disasters linked to climate change.

Country representatives at the 27th Conference of Parties (COP-27) of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change are expected to convene again at a closing plenary session in the Egyptian resort town late Saturday night by Indian time.

Loss and damage (L&D) compensation has been part of COP deliberations for over a decade, with calls by island nations and developing countries for a dedicated fund and a clear financing scheme to compensate countries that are bearing the brunt of climate-linked calamities.

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Now, you can exchange vows mid-air in an helicopter

Hemanth C.S.
BENGALURU

Move over the traditional practice of arriving at the wedding venue on a horse or a chauffeur-driven car or a simple *meravanige* (procession). Now, if you have the means, you can fly to the wedding destination in a helicopter or exchange vows while in flight.

Bengaluru-based Thumby Aviation, which was once operating heli-taxi shuttle service between the Kempegowda International Airport and Electronics City, is now offering "heli-wedding" services.

Under this, families of the bride and groom can hire a six-seater chopper and fly to the wedding venue, do photoshoots, and even take their guests on joy rides.

"Since we introduced the service a few months ago, we have done four sorties. Two of these were in Bengaluru where the helicopter was hired to ferry the families to the wedding venue, the third was for a wedding in Sindhudurg in Maharashtra and in another one the bride and groom exchanged rings mid-air in the presence of their parents," said Govind Nair, Head, Business Development, Thumby Aviation.

Bengaluru-based Thumby Aviation is offering heli-wedding services.

A temporary helipad is set up near the wedding venue for the safe take off and landing of the helicopter. Mr. Nair said that if the wedding venue is in Bengaluru, the charge is between ₹2.5 lakh and ₹3 lakh, if it is outstation, then the fares depend on the distance. "Cost depends on what they require, some want to do pre-wedding photoshoots and joy rides to be given to their family members," Mr. Nair said.

Thumby Aviation wants to offer the service outside Bengaluru in the future. "We want to combine our service with destination weddings wherein we want to fly our clients to destinations like Kodagu, Chikkamagaluru, Shivamogga, Ooty, and so on," he said.

Heli-weddings are said to have originated in New Zealand where concepts like "elopement wedding" are also popular, where the bride and groom exchange vows without anybody else's presence.

India moots permanent secretariat to fight terror

Vijaita Singh
NEW DELHI

India has proposed a permanent secretariat for 'No Money for Terror' (NMFT), a ministerial conference, in order to sustain the global focus on countering the financing of terrorism, Home Minister Amit Shah said on Saturday.

He was speaking in his capacity as chair of NMFT.

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Aqua bliss: A trio of elephants enjoy a leisurely bath in the Tunga river in Karnataka.

In anticipation: Visitors to the Sakrebyle Elephant Camp wait for the parade of elephants to walk past.

Building trust: The bond between mahouts and elephants is a unique one.

Towering Twenty

The elephant camp on the banks of the Tunga river at Shivamogga in Karnataka has 20 gentle giants living life to the full, feasting, wallowing and making merry

K. Murali Kumar
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The Sakrebyle Elephant Camp, 14 km from Shivamogga in Karnataka, has been in existence from the pre-Independence days.

Nestling against the backwaters of the Tunga and surrounded by the Shettihalli Wildlife Sanctuary, the camp trains wild elephants and looks after captive pachyderms.

The camp was set up mainly to train wild elephants to move logs on difficult forest terrain. However, it has now been transformed into a rescue and rehabilitation centre and is part of an ecotourism zone. *Sakrebyle* in Kannada means "sugar field".

The camp houses 20 elephants – 16 tuskers and four females – and they are cared for by 40 mahouts. Most of the caretakers are from the Jenu Kuruba tribe which has traditional knowledge in handling elephants. With the mahouts speaking a mix of languages, the elephants take their cues in Hindi, Bengali and Urdu, apart from Kannada.

This camp attracts a large number of tourists who come to watch the gentle giants playing in the water against the picturesque background of hills as the mahouts bathe them.

After their bath, the elephants are let into the forest. They are also fed with a nutritious mix of rice, salt, coconut, jaggery and paddy straw, along with ragi (finger millet) balls prepared in the camp, says Shivappa, a caretaker who has been working for more than 15 years in the camp.

Though a large number of people visit the camp, these elephants do not enjoy the presence of humans, barring the mahouts, says caretaker Imran.

Life's good: A jumbo in a playful mood as its caretaker gives it a rub-down.

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		Batch - II (Dispatch commences in May 2023)	20th May 2023 | Rs. 31,800/-
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TAMIL

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Well Settled Doctor
Super Speciality Mch., 29/155
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Suitable groom qualified with
super Speciality/Masters degree
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YADAVA 27, PG medicine completed Bride. seeks Groom PG Doctor or Business family, Contact: 94436 22400

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TAMIL

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TAMIL

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TAMIL

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TAMIL

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CSI NADAR, unmarried, M.Tech, IT Engr, 24 lacs pa., 43 yrs, 180 cms, seeks bride. Ph. 9884009776

RC USA Divorcee Yadava Scientist 44/180 Seeks Suitable Bride From BC / FC. Whatsapp No: 99628 82322

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HINDU KONGU Vellala Gounder 35/ 183 Sadayam, MBA, Job & Business 30L pa working Chennai upper middle class. Suitable girl any BC & OBC. Degree Accept.Whatsapp:9360323979

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HINDU/ TAMIL Dhivakar 28/170MBA, Lingesh 25/175 LLM, Two sons working Chennai own house, well suitable bride. India/Abroad CNB CT 8825420193

ELITE MUDALIYAR 28yrs B.E., M.S., (Own Colleges, Automobile Spares Manufacturing Industries) Seeks Rich Bride. Ct: 72002 61495

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THULUVA VELALAR,APR 1983,BE,Software Professional seeks educated, employed bride.9442112385

AGAMUDAIYAR 38 MBA MSc IT Consultant seeks Bride from OBC shunmugavalli@gmail.com Mob – 9444865135

VANNIYAR, 36/168CM, BE, 1.3Lac, Visagam 4th, Working in TATA Group of Company seeks Suitable Alliance same Caste Ct: 9443401831 / 9626040083

TAMIL VISWAKARMA, Doctor Parents seeks alliance for their son 39 yrs/ 175 cm, Pooratathi-star, Meena Rasi, 80000/p.m, Divorcee with 8 yrs boy seeks suitable Bride/ Divorcee. Ct: 99945 35673

DIVORCEE

HIGHLY QUALIFIED settled handsome divorcee Mudaliar /CNB, looking for good looking Bride. Ct 9962018503

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BRAHMIN BOY 28/5ft 8inch BTech, ME (BITS Pilani) Sr. Mechanical Eng. in Stellantis, Pune Mob: 9413171014

MALAYALAM

NAIR BOY, 29/180, BE (Civil), MS (USA), Pooram, suddha Jathakam, broughtup in Chennai, employed in family's construction business having properties in Chennai and Kerala looking for Professionally Qualified Tall and Fair Looking Nair Girl. Whatsapp: 9840397130 / 9962597100.

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TAMIL

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CHRISTIAN NADAR, 34yrs / 178cms, MBBS with DIP in Cardiology Private Doctor good looking lives in Nagercoil, Innocent Divorcee seeks same caste qualified Bride / Divorcee above 28yrs. Contact: 90039 83230.

HINDU, AGE : 39, Divorced, USA Citizen, Seeking (Engg/ Medicine) Bride With No Child, Caste No Bar. Contact : 9994328550 / 9790515437

VISWABRAHMIN (GS) / Thiruvonam, 40/170, ACA&ACMA/ 70000, MNC seeks Same Caste Bride. 9486320982

MUDALIAR, 29, M.Tech, 175cm, 18 lacs P.A Well Settled Family Seeks Bride CNB Ct. 8778514465 / 7200866346

REDDY, 46/175, BE, IT manager, well settled, remarriage,no child, seeks suitable bride 35+ Blr 9741776169

HINDU NADAR 25, BE/MBA 175cm Inc 150000/– Working in Bangalore Seeks Bride. KA Raman Nadar 9380791999

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Mudaliar Mirugazirisham unmarried 36/195 BE Self-Employed UMC. Any Graduate BC OC Girl. Ct-9566757872.

AGAMUDAYAR 31/160 cm BE working in B'Lore MNC Rs.9 Lak. PA, Native Coimbatore. Makam, no Dosham, Seeks suitable educated fair bride. Brokers Excuse. Ct: 9688081599

SC/AD/29Yrs/175cms/BE/Software/ Engineer/12 lac. P.A/Own house in Chennai/Wants fair/Tall bride below 25 years. Ct : 8124071315.

HINDU ,BE/SWE/31YRS/SC –Caste No Bar/Ayilyam–Kadagam . Settled in Bangalore .Seeks Bride below28yrs from educated and well settled family .Con No 9845401461.

MUDALIYAR AGE 48, MSc Monthly Income 60,000 Divorcee No Issue. Seeks Suitable Bride. 9841125556, 9841595637

MUDALIAR 36 / 180, Thulam Visakam–3rd Padam, Architect, Working in a Reputed University in Tamilnadu as Associate Professor. Both Parents are Doctors. Seeks Professionally Qualified Good looking Bride. Whatsapp: 9840039196, Ct: 9500173320

HINDU NADAR 34, Tall, Fair, B.Tech software onsite Dubai 48 LPA Avittam Magaram well settled family, Madurai Tamil Nadu seeks suitable Bride. Contact: 9442984922, 9443860983.

MUDHALIYAR 49/170, First Marriage,Doctor Surgeon.Seeks First Marriage Bride only. CNB. Ct : 98423 66613

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BITS PILANI 6'1 Engineer Mudaliar born in Nov 91 Wkg as Product Manager at BNG Sal 40 lacs seeks Bride - Engineer, CA, Doctor Ct 7382620365.

TAMIL IYENGAR Bride for 30/175 BE MS MNC Bengaluru Srivatsa Gothram Pooram Vadakalai. 9449828828.

VADAKALAI Iyengar Boy, Punarpoosam 5'ft 6 Inch, Bharatwaja Gothram, 1979,never married, MNC, Chennai, M.S I.T, 24 Lacs pa seeks never married Brahmin Brides. Cont. with BPH Whats App 7299704899 / 9443092289

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TAMIL

TAMIL, HINDU, April 1994 born, Doctor Groom, 175cm, pursuing fellowship in Nephrology in Mayo Clinic Minnesota. Parents settled in Chennai. **Seeking Bride - Doctor / Engineer / other professionals** working / pursuing higher studies in USA. CNB. **9840898509, 9500029011, 9952909232**

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NADAR, WELL to do reputed family, Chennai, Seeks Good looking, Educated Bride from Affluent, good family background for their Son, 28/ 179 BE, MS working in USA with clean habits and character. Ct: 9444055509

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TELUGU BALIJA Naidu Lawyer 43, looking for suitable Telugu speaking bride subsect no bar.Ct: 9444048537

NAIDU 27/175 MBA Working in MNC Chennai as HR Seeks Suitable Bride Ct: 9003361254/9003153493

BALIJA 28/180 cms, Magam, Simma Raasi/ BE/ M.S (Ger) working in Germany 42Lpa. Financially Sound. Seeks Suitable Qualified Bride- Sub Sects No Bar. Ct: 9442623203 / 9442838203

KAMMA 90 born very affluent tall handsome boy with double MS from US seeks tall slim pretty girl from rich business family. CNB 7305010105

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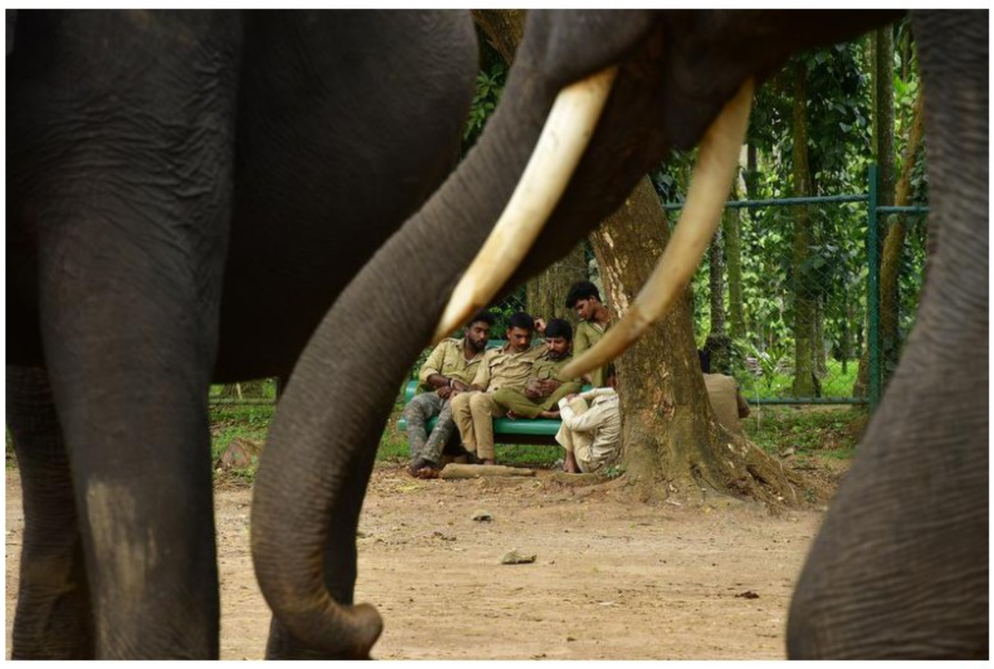

Noon lull: The mahouts take a break as a meal is prepared for the elephants.

Delectable indulgence: A mix of rice, coconut, jaggery and paddy straw makes for a nutritious meal.

Meticulous care: The mahouts make sure that the elephants are kept well-fed.

Going home: The herd crosses the Shivamogga-Mangaluru highway to return to the camp after their time in the river.

Hubballi-Bengaluru Vande Bharat Express service likely by March

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The State is likely to get one more Vande Bharat Express train service. The Ministry of Railways is planning to run the new train service between Hubballi and Bengaluru by March 2023.

At a meeting on Saturday between Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw and Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, the former directed the officials to complete the doubling work between Hubballi and Bengaluru soon to make the new train operational. At the meeting, Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Ltd. (KPTCL) was asked to complete works augmenting electrification quickly for timely commissioning of electrification and operationalisation of Vande Bharat.

On November 11, Prime Minister Narendra Modi flagged off south India's first Vande Bharat train service between Mysuru and Chennai via Bengaluru. Vande Bharat service between Hubballi and Bengaluru will be first the intra-State service.

At the meeting, a decision was also taken to expedite railway projects in the State by forming a special team of Railways and State government officials. A total of nine railway projects have been taken up for construction under 50:50 funding by the Union and State governments.

Suburban rail

Measures to be taken to expedite the Bengaluru suburban rail project were also discussed. A senior official said, "There were deliberations over handing over of railway land for the project, funding and other things. Currently, the Baiyappanahalli to Chikkabanavara line has been taken up for construction. The Railway Minister also directed to take up the suburban rail network from the city to Kempegowda International Airport (KIA). He also directed officials to explore the possibilities of upgrading existing infrastructure to provide more services to the airport."

Visit to KIA halt station

The Minister visited the halt station which has been operational since January 2021 on the boundary of KIA. He interacted with officials about the existing MEMU trains services to the airport, future possibilities of increasing the services and other issues.

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Disruption in power supply

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

There will be disruption in power supply on Monday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the areas serviced from 66/11-kV Geddalahalli MUSS in view of carrying out the works related to conversion of 11-kV OH to UG cable in E 9 subdivision limits.

According to a release, the areas to be affected are: Chikka Byrathi, Patel Ramaiah Layout, Gubbi Cross, Da.Ra. Bendre Layout, Muniswamappa Layout, Vinayaka Layout, Nakshatra Layout, Poorna Prajna School, Byrathi Bande and village and surrounding areas, Kyalasanhalli, Doddagubbi, Kannur, Chikka Gubbi, and surrounding areas.

Canara Bank's 117th Foundation Day

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Canara Bank celebrated its 117th Foundation Day at its head office on J.C. Road in Bengaluru on Saturday.

The bank, on this occasion, under its CSR programme, provided financial assistance to Cure International India Trust for providing 540 foot abduction braces. It has also provided financial assistance for Chiranthana, a Bengaluru-based NGO for children with special needs, to provide a Tata Magic Express Bus (9+D).

Managing director and CEO L.V. Prabhakar remembered the bank's founder Ammembal Subba Rao Pai and added that the founder wanted an organised bank to help the poor with best products at reasonable pricing. His dreams are being fulfilled, he pointed out, a release stated.

Days after rain fury, problems persist in residential areas

The most prominent among them are roof leaks, ruined basements, and elevator defects

Jahnavi T.R.
BENGALURU

A file photo of a flooded residential locality on Sarjapur Road.

Record rainfall the city received this year wreaked havoc in many residential localities as they were severely inundated, damaging infrastructure. While temporary measures were taken during the time to solve the problem at hand, in its aftermath, house owners are left with a plethora of infrastructural issues to take care of. Many have also resorted to some preventive measures to avoid large-scale problems in the future. Months after the incidents, *The Hindu* spoke to house owners, RWAs, and engineers, to assess the damage.

The most prominent problems in the city seems to be roof leakage, ruined basements, and elevator defects. "We have noticed a 40% increase in roof leakage complaints after this year's rains. As we had not seen this kind of rain in years, it has brought in many infrastructural problems, some of which have even brought the BBMP's fault to the forefront," said M. Ramesh, Joint Secretary, Karnataka State Contractors' Association. He added, "In most gated communities in Sarjapur, Whitefield, and Bellandur, problems caused by rains have not been solved."

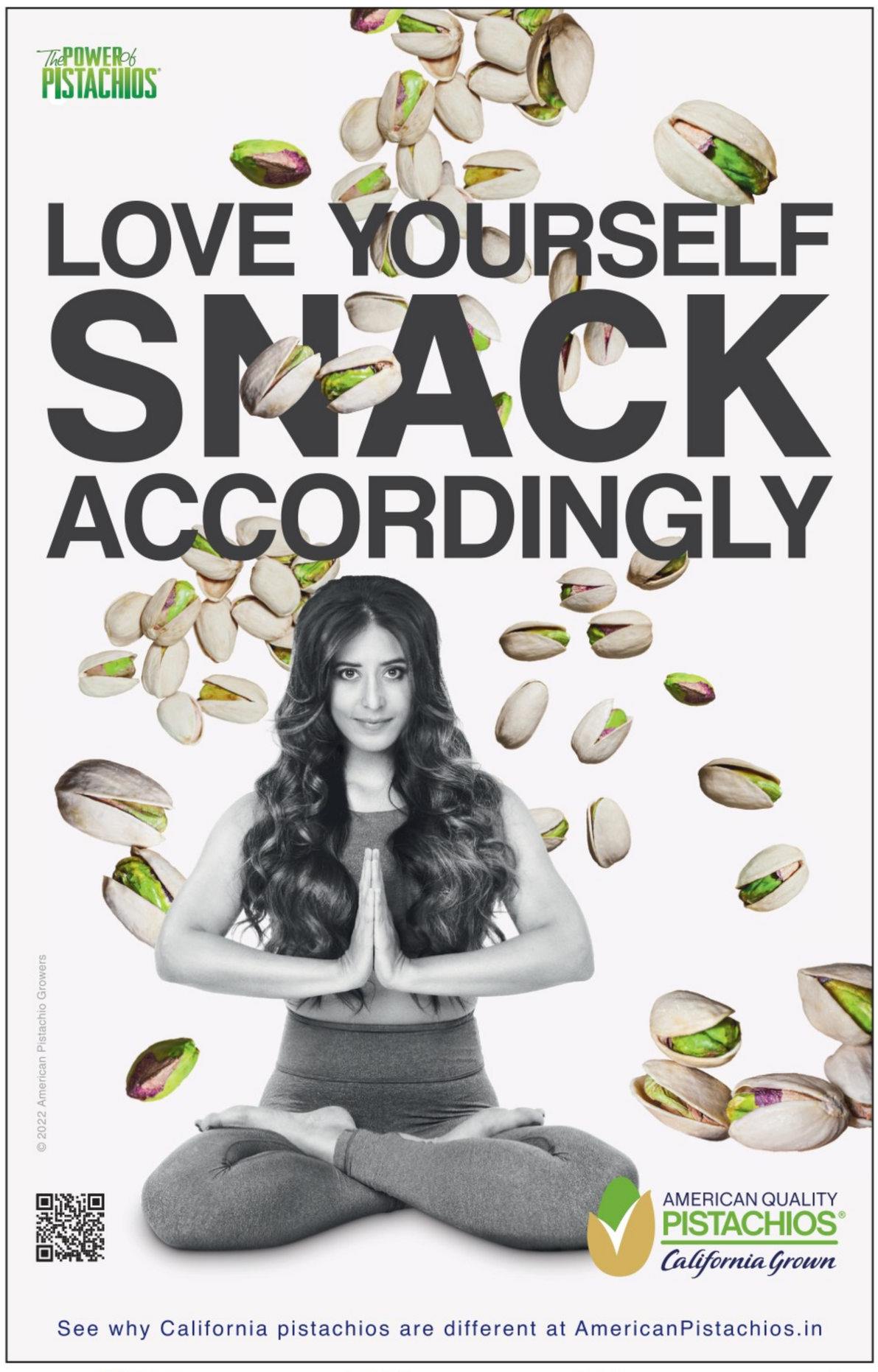
While most problems are limited mostly to the IT belt, roof leakage has been reported from all areas, including old areas such as Banashankari, Jayanagar, Basavanagudi, and Malleswaram. There are also other sewage and electricity related problems. Since electricity lines were affected, we have seen lift problems. We have also received complaints about sewage treatment plants, sump cleaning, and water supply problems. The civic agencies should do something about all of these," Mr. Ramesh added.

Apart from these, apartment complexes had some specific problems of their own, including looking for alternative parking arrangements while the basements got repaired. "There were some unintended consequences when it came to vehicle parking. At some apartments, basements also have critical installations such as generators, DG sets, and motor rooms which were damaged in the rains. Thus, it caused material loss with regard to equipment," explained Vikram Rai, general secretary, Bengaluru Apartment Federation. He added that the clearing of silt was also a major issue in apartments.

A few apartment complexes in north Bengaluru recently experienced a strange infrastructural problem where the groundwater rose and got accumulated in the elevator pits. "As there was excess rain, the groundwater levels have gone up. All these years, we had not seen something like this, but recently, it rained one evening and then by next morning, our elevator pits were filled with water. The repair work took almost two weeks," said Pramila Rao, a resident of an apartment at Kodigehalli.

Prevention

Some house owners are now building retaining walls in front of their basements to stop the floodwater from entering. Others are taking up waterproofing of basements. Engineers' advice that basements should be constructed with a silt pattern drainage system in the periphery with a pump in the middle to carry excess water.



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Conman arrested

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Northeast division cybercrime police arrested a 25-year-old man who, posing as a technician of a reputed company, allegedly cheated people on the pretext of repairing their home appliances.

Based on two complaints, the police tracked down Abdul Subhan from Gurappanapalya and arrested him. The police seized two phones and four SIM cards which Subhan was using.

According to the police, Subhan, claiming to be the authorised technician from a leading company, put up his contact number on social media to trap gullible people. When people called him, the accused would visit their house and check the appliances and give them a huge bill for repair and escape with the money.

The accused would then change the contact number on social media to trap other people, a police officer said.

So far, the police have registered two cases of cheating against him.

Gang running extortion racket held

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Kodigehalli police on Saturday arrested a gang of seven people who were part of an extortion racket operating under the banner of a human rights organisation.

Based on a complaint, the police arrested Prakash Murthy, Pradeep, Dhruvaraj, Ramya, Jayalakshmi, Sushmitha, and Indira, who, posing as members of a human rights organisation, would visit shops in and around the northeast division and threaten owners after accusing them of irregularities and then extort money.

The accused, last Monday, barged into Mataji Home Appliances, Rajalakhshmi Fancy Stores, and Balaji Stores situated at Bhadrappa Layout in Kodigehalli, threatened the owners for selling illegal goods and services and extorted money from them, ranging from ₹2,000 to ₹5,000.

Based on the complaint, the police tracked down the accused and arrested them.

The police seized a car and ₹2,000 in cash from the accused. The police are now probing to ascertain whether the accused had involved in similar offences earlier.

Cyber crooks opening bank accounts with stolen IDs

They carry out fraudulent transactions through such accounts; cybercrime officials told to utilise newly launched service to block SIM cards used by such persons

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The north division cybercrime police are on the lookout for a man who cheated an elderly woman of ₹30,000 promising a Mudra loan and also opened another bank account in her name to carry out fraudulent transactions.

The victim has been identified as Nagamma Devaraj, 49, from Chikkabanavara. The police registered a case against the unknown person recently, charging him with cheating, forgery, and under various sections of the IT Act. Ms. Nagamma told the police that the accused, posing as a government official, called her promising to get her a loan under the scheme on August 14.

According to the complaint, the accused obtained her details and also made her transfer ₹30,000 online as processing fee for the interest-free Mudra loan. After some time, the accused called her again to say that her CIBIL score was low and promised to get it right. Trusting him, Ms. Nagammma shared all her personal information, including Aadhaar and voter ID details, using which the accused opened a savings account at a nationalised bank and made fraudulent transactions worth several lakhs, said the police. The fraud came to light recently when bank officials alerted Ms. Nagamma about the fraudulent transactions. The accused had mentioned his address while opening the bank account so that he could get the welcome kit and debit card.

The police suspect that the accused is a part of the online fraud network and diverted the cheated amount to this account, which was in the name of Ms. Nagamma.

The police are now trying to track down the accused through the residential address, but the accused is on the run.

The police have also written to the Department of Telecommunications to block the SIM card to prevent the accused from cheating others. It may be recalled that the city police, on November 4, wrote to all the cybercrime officials to utilise the newly launched service to block SIM cards used by cyber crooks.

However, the police feel that this will have minimal effect on cyber frauds as they are faster than the police and adopt advanced methods to cheat.

Hardeep Singh Puri launches Toilets 2.0

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

On the occasion of World Toilet Day 2022, Union Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs Hardeep Singh Puri virtually launched the Toilets 2.0 campaign that is aimed at changing the face of public and community toilets in urban areas through collective action involving citizens and urban local bodies.

The campaign has five thematic areas.

INBRIEF

Memorial for unknown freedom fighters in city

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Saturday said the government will erect a memorial bearing the names of unknown freedom fighters at a prominent place in Bengaluru.

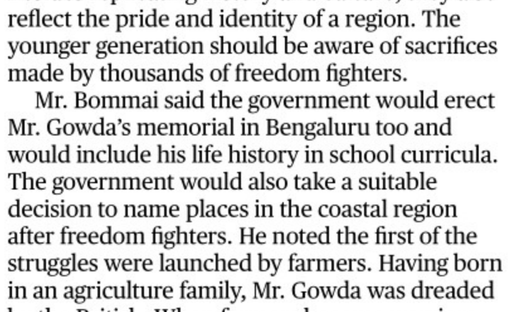
Speaking after unveiling the statue of veteran freedom fighter Kedambady Ramayya Gowda at Bavutagudde in Mangaluru, Mr. Bommai said memorials have a significant place worldwide. Besides replicating history and culture, they also reflect the pride and identity of a region. The younger generation should be aware of sacrifices made by thousands of freedom fighters.

Mr. Bommai said the government would erect Mr. Gowda's memorial in Bengaluru too and would include his life history in school curricula. The government would also take a suitable decision to name places in the coastal region after freedom fighters. He noted the first of the struggles were launched by farmers. Having born in an agriculture family, Mr. Gowda was dreaded by the British. When farmers become warriors, revolutions happen, he said pointing out at the farmers' struggle led by Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel.

CMR varsity celebrates Founder's Day

CMR University celebrated its Founder's Day on Saturday. During the event, the university awarded scholarship to 169 students and leadership awards to 20 students to encourage and motivate them.

The university organised various activities, including providing CMR Memorial Merit Scholarships, sports scholarships, leadership awards and Seva Puraskar, which is given to recognise the exceptional contribution made towards society by a government official. The total scholarship for the academic year 2022-23 given is ₹5.7 crore.



REVA University organises dance production

Reva University organised a dance production titled 'Panchavaktram', which highlighted the five faces of Siva, recently. The programme was attended by dance gurus, art and culture enthusiasts, and students, among others.

Addressing the gathering, D. Mahendra, regional director, Indira Gandhi National Centre for Art, New Delhi, chief guest, said, "Panchavaktram dance production holds an important role as it gives awareness about various social issues and added that the university was doing a big thing by rejuvenating the culture and reviving the age-old tradition."

Several gurus and luminaries were honoured on the occasion. Dance exponent Radha Sridhar, percussionist Anoor Anantha Krishna Sharma, art historians Choodmani Nadagopal and Ashish Khokar, and art connoisseur Sai Venkatesh were felicitated during the event.

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client SRI. SANDEEP KUMAR, S/o. Late. M. Shivananda his intending to purchase of the schedule property mentioned hereunder for a valuable consideration from its owners 1. Mr. A. R. Ramesh S/o. Late. A. C. Rathnappa, Residing at No. 61, 1st A Mani, 3rd Cross, MICO layout, BTM 2nd Stage, Bangalore - 560076. 2. Mr. A. R. Sridhar S/o. Late. A. C. Rathnappa, Residing at No. 201, AMC Residence No.10-13, Adugodi Main Road, Bangalore- 560 030.

If any person/s having any claims, right, title and interest whatsoever over the schedule property may forward their objections to the undersigned in writing with supporting documents of their such claims, within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice. Failing which it will be deemed that there are no claims, right, title and interest by anybody and my client will proceed for completion of sale transaction and thereafter no claims will be considered.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of site No. 40, formed out of Sy. No. 26/1 (1 Acres) Sl. No. 335, old katha No.295/299/250/82/26, DBM residential layout, attached to lake city, Kodichikkanahalli, Bangalore- 560076. measuring East to West 23.4 feet, North to South 30 Feet, total 720 Sq. Feet. and bounded on: East by : Private Property, West by : Road, North by : Site No. 39, South by : Site No. 41.

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E-TENDER NOTICE No.E/E.29/I/2022/10 DATED 17-11-2022

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Place: Bangalore. CEO & Secretary

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby notified that, my clients have agreed to purchase the Schedule property from its Owners: **Mrs.Asra Shakir** W/o.Niaz Ahmed Shakir, **Mrs.Zia Kalami Vaseem** W/o. Mohammed Vaseem and **Mrs.Tasneem Kalami** D/o.Late Mushtaq Ahmed Kalami, residing at No.4, 2nd Cross, Lalbagh Road, Sudhamanagar, Wilson Garden, Bangalore – 560 027.

Apart from the said Owners, if any other person/s have any manner of right, title and or interest or claim or charge or lien over the Schedule property or otherwise have any lawful objection/s for sale of the Schedule Property by the aforesaid Owners, they are hereby called upon to file their objection/s in writing, along with the photocopies of documents on which they rely, with the undersigned, within 14 days from the date of publication of this notice. Objection/s received thereafter will not be binding on my clients.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the vacant immovable property bearing Municipal No.1, PID No.28-24-1,measuring East by: 52 ft , West by: 51 ft, North by : 54 ft and South by: 51 ft situated at Mohiddin Sab Lane, Bangalore and bounded on:

East by : Habeeba Building
West by : Private Property (Lakshmi Silk Building)
North by : Private Property belonging to Mehkri's
South by : Basavanna Lane then Jumma Masjid Cross.

Sd/- Goutam Chand S.F
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PUBLIC NOTICE

I, **P. LAKSHMINARAYANA** s/o. Late. Puttappa, R/at No. 6, "Pruthivi Nilaya", 1st Cross, Ramaiah Layout, New Extension, Kadugodi, BANGALORE – 67 **(ii) R. Raju** s/o. Late. Ramachandrappa R/at No. 219, 3rd Block, 4th 'A' Cross, HRBR Layout, Kalyan Nagar, BANGALORE – 43 and **(iii) L. Don Bosco** s/o. Late. C. Louis R/at No. 1316/3, 5th 'C' Main, Opp. BDA Park, Kammanahalli St. Thomas Town Post, BANGALORE – 48, are the full & absolute owners of the land/s viz.,

(i) Sy. No. 92 of Doddabanahalli Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore, measuring 0-34 guntas, purchased vide sale deed dated 09/03/2005 registered as Document No. KRI-1-00791/2005-06 of Book – I stored in C.D. No. KRID 130 in the office of the Sub-Registrar, K.R. Puram, Bangalore.

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(iv) Sy. No. 92 of Doddabanahalli Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore, measuring 0-20 guntas, purchased vide sale deed dated 24/04/2006 registered as Document No. KRI-1-02739/2006-07 of Book – I stored in C.D. No. KRID 209 in the office of the Sub-Registrar, K.R. Puram, Bangalore.

The said land/s were phoded/assigned with new Sy. Nos. 92/1, 92/2 & 92/3 respectively, which is morefully described in the Item Nos. 1 to 4 in the Schedule below.

It is further notified to the General Public that P. Lakshminarayana and others have lost the above said Original Sale Deed/s, Police complaint in this regard was lodged with Bangalore City Police, Bangalore vide Lost Report No. 435/2022 & 436/2022 dated 14/10/2022. I, hereby request on behalf of P. Lakshminarayana and others that if, any person/s come across or find the same, he/she/they are requested to hand over the same to the below mentioned address & they will be compensated accordingly.

The General Public are hereby further cautioned that the owner/s have formed residential layout over the above said land/s. If anybody deals with respect to above said land/s or site/s having carved over the above said land/s, with any person/s on the basis of the misplaced/lost document mentioned above, it is at their own risk & cost and such person/s will not derive any title over the Schedule Properties and in such an event they have no claim of whatsoever nature against P. Lakshminarayana and others nor against the Schedule Properties.

SCHEDULE PROPERTIES

Item No. 1: - ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL of land bearing Sy. No. 92 situated at DODDABANALLI VILLAGE, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, measuring **0-34 guntas** & bounded on
East by : Portion of Sy No. 92; West by : land bearing Sy No. 93; North by : land bearing Sy No. 96 &; South by : Government Road:

Item No. 2: - ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL of land bearing Sy. No. 92 situated at DODDABANALLI VILLAGE, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, measuring **0-20 guntas** & bounded on
East by : Portion of land bearing Sy No. 92; West by : Portion of land bearing Sy No. 92; North by : Land belongs to Jayarama Reddy &; South by : Government Road:

Item No. 3: - ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL of land bearing Sy. No. 92 situated at DODDABANALLI VILLAGE, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, measuring **0-34 guntas** & bounded on
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Item No. 4: - ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL of land bearing Sy. No. 92 situated at DODDABANALLI VILLAGE, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, measuring **0-20 guntas** & bounded on
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From Page One

CM says it was Congress that roped in NGO

He emphasised that the NGO had no role in revision of electoral rolls, and roll revision was an entirely different process carried out by the Election Commission. He said that it was the Siddaramaiah-led Congress government, back in 2017, that had given "illegal" permission to the NGO in question to be involved in electoral roll revision.

He cited an order by K.R. Puram tahsildar for its involvement in the process of electoral roll revision, in breach of provisions of law. It even allowed the NGO to appoint BLOs, he added. "Congress is making allegations against us now to cover up its own misdeeds in the past," he said in the release.

Voter deletions

Denying the allegation that there was large-scale deletion of voters in Bengaluru targeting Congress-held constituencies, he said that on the contrary, the least number of deletions had happened in those held by Congress such as Shivajinagar constituency.

Mr. Bommai said that it was the ruling BJP that had acted against the NGO as soon as the breach of conditions laid for voter awareness campaign came to light, while the Congress had let the same NGO take on responsibility beyond what was legally permissible.

He listed out the series of actions initiated by his government against the NGO since November 2.

Congress seeks revision of voters' list; BJP calls allegations 'baseless'

Congress alleges Bommai, Ashwath Narayan, Munirathna were involved in electoral fraud; ruling party says the charges are politically motivated

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Congress leaders arriving to meet Chief Electoral Officer Manoj Kumar Meena in Bengaluru on Saturday. K. MURALI KUMAR

Karnataka Congress leaders on Saturday called on Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) Manoj Kumar Meena and submitted a petition alleging "large-scale electoral fraud, malpractice, and manipulation of voters' list" in Bengaluru by the BJP government and demanded a probe under the supervision of the Chief Justice of the High Court of Karnataka.

A delegation of the BJP too met the CEO and said that the allegations of the Congress were "baseless and politically motivated." Late on Saturday, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai issued a statement rebutting the allegations and accused the Congress of roping in the NGO in the centre of the controversy, Chilume Educational, Cultural, and Rural Development Trust, first in 2017.

In its complaint, the Congress demanded the registration of criminal cases against the District Election Officer, Assembly constituency returning officers, and a revision of the voters' list. A delegation led by the former Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, KPCC president D.K. Shivakumar met the CEO and asked him to provide the voters' list to all political parties and revision of the list by household survey by booth-level agents.

They named Mr. Bommai, Ministers C.N. Ashwath Narayan and Munirathna, the District Election Officer, the BBMP Chief Commissioner, directors of Chilume Enterprises Pvt. Ltd, Chilume and DAP Hombale Pvt. Ltd., the owners of Digital Samiksha app and other officials. The Congress leaders demanded the CEO to file criminal complaints against Mr. Bommai, Dr. Ashwath Narayan and others to ensure free and fair elections. Later, AICC general secretary in charge of Karnataka Randeep Singh Surjewala, and others held a press conference and said "in India's history, this is one of the biggest scams to steal people's right to vote".

INBRIEF

Disruption in water supply tomorrow

There will be a disruption in water supply on Monday in view of taking up of work relating to shifting of supply lines at metro stations laid by Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) from K.R. Puram to Silk Board along the Outer Ring Road.

According to a BWSSB release, the areas to be affected include Jamboosavari Dinne, Puttenahalli, Konanakunte Cross, Jaraganahalli, J.P. Nagar 4th, 5th, 6th, and 7th Phases, Chunchagatta Main Road, Kothanur Dinne Main Road, Doresanipalya, Bannerghatta Main Road, 4th T Block, Tilaknagar, Vijaya Bank Layout, Bilekahalli, Kodichikkanahalli, Bommanahalli, Hongasandra, HSR Layout 1 to 7th Sectors, Mangammanapalya, Hosapalya, Electronics City Phases 1 and 2, Koramangala 3rd and 4th Blocks, S.T. Bed, Srinivagilu, KEB Layout, Maruthi Layout, Bhavaninagar, Bharathi Layout, MICO Layout, N.S. Palya, and surrounding areas.

Vidyut Adalat held

Bangalore Electricity Company (Bescom) on Saturday conducted Vidyut Adalat in 87 villages of eight districts coming under it. According to a release, as many as 2,600 consumers participated in the adalat and appealed to Bescom officials on various electricity-related issues. While the officials suggested solutions to some of the problems on the spot, some issues were forwarded to the officers concerned to look into. Bescom conducts Vidyut Adalat on every third Saturday of the month.

Leopard spotted again near Brindavan Gardens north gate

The Hindu Bureau
MYSURU

Brindavan Gardens has been closed for tourists for almost two weeks now. FILE PHOTO

A leopard which continues to remain elusive was spotted again near the north gate of Brindavan Gardens at the KRS dam site, near Mysuru, on Friday night.

With the animal continuing to be on the prowl, the reopening of the popular tourist spot may get delayed further, especially after it was caught on a CCTV camera along with a porcupine.

The leopard was spotted near the dam site after a gap of almost two weeks. The popular tourist spot has been out of bounds for tourists since then.

All these days the authorities had thought that the wildcat had moved out of the area after it was not sighted in the vicinity for many days despite a rigorous combing operation and installation of camera traps. But last night's sighting has deepened the worries of authorities. The forest staff on Saturday combed the area and used drones to locate the elusive cat but it yielded no results.

Brindavan Gardens, a popular tourist destination, was closed for an indefinite period after the leopard scare. Tourists, unaware of its closure, continue to visit the gardens and return disappointed.

Sources said there was no possibility of its reopening immediately, especially after the leopard's sighting on Friday night. "Unless the higher authorities take a decision, the indefinite closure of the tourist spot remains," they said.

Meanwhile, four more cages have been placed in the vicinity to trap the elusive wildcat. With this, the number of traps has gone up to eight.

Tourists continue to enquire with tour and travel operators here about its reopening.

Children's Day event

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Bangalore Oniyavara Seva Coota (BOSCO), an NGO working with underprivileged children and youth, is organising Children's Day celebration on the theme, 'Choose life, not drugs' on Sunday. It will be held at BOSCO Life Skill Training Center, Malagala Road, Sumanahalli, from 2 p.m. K.S. Lathakumari, Director, Department for the Empowerment of Differently Abled and Senior Citizens, will be participating as the chief guest.

KARNATAKA GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT
Additional Chief Secretary to Government
Finance Department
Vidhana Soudha, Bengaluru-560001.

No.: FD/05/BMB/2022 Date: 17-11-2022

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Sd/- (Dr. Ekroop Caur), Secretary to Government, (Budget & Resources) Finance Department

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No. KPCL/2022-23/PS/Work_Indent 13081/Call2 Date 17-11-2022 Item wise tenders are invited through GOK **'e'** procurement portal **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** from bidders having sufficient past experience in executing similar works and financial turnover, for the work of **" Renovation and reconditioning of Trolley system at Shimsha Power House " EMD:** ₹ 86,800/- **Work completion Period:** 120 days. **Last date for submission/ uploading of the bid:** 01-12-2022 up to 17:00 hrs. The details of NIT and tender documents can accessed/downloaded from the above GOK e-portal or from the KPCL website: **https://kpcl.karnataka.gov.in** Further details can be had from: The Executive Engineer (O&M)Shimsha, KPCL, Shimshapura 571430, Malavalli Taluk, Mandya District. Mobile:94482 90735

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Short Term Tender Notification

The Executive Engineer, Public works department. Division,Gadag invites itemwise tenders from eligible tenderers of **29** work of total amount of Rs **-2375.60** Lakh (Min estimate amount: **Rs.13.90** Lakhs to Max Estimate Amount: **470.00** Lakhs) for the Different Head of account on behalf of the Hon'able Governor of Karnataka as per Standard Bid Document KW- 1, 2, 3 and 4 through e-procurement. - http:// www.eproc.Karnataka.gov.in/ (a) Last Date for Clarification upto :30-11-2022, (b) Last Date for Receipt of Tenders :- 05-12-2022(c) Opening of Technical /Financial Bid Date:- 06-12-2022 (d) Opening of Financial Bid Date:- 07-12-2022

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The tenderers are advised to note the minimum qualification criteria specified in clause 3 of the instructions to tenderers to qualify for award of the contract. For further information contact the office of The Executive Engineer, PWD Division Gadag (08372-238782) during office hours.

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Sd/- Executive Engineer P.W.D .Division, Gadag.

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SCHEDULE

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This is to bring to the notice of public at large that, my client **Smt. P.L Kalyani W/o Palaniappan** has negotiated to purchase the property described at schedule below from its owner, **Shri. M.L.Shivarama Krishna Shastry and Smt. S Veena W/o M.L. Shivarama Krishna Shastry.** The owner has assured my client that; he has clear and marketable title to the said property and he can sell the same.

My client, by this public notice call upon the public at large that, if any individual, financial institution or corporate body, has any claim, charge or any nature of right, title or interest in the said property then, contact the signatory of this notice with the necessary documents within **7 days** of the publication of this notice. If objections are not received within this period, then my client will proceed with the said transaction and thereafter no claims or complaint will be entertained thereafter.

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My client intends to purchase the property from its owner ie., **Sri Pradeep M.P** S/o Late S. Puttegowda Residing at: No.74, 2nd Floor, 4th Cross, Talacauvery Layout, Basavanagar, Bangalore-560 037. Aadhaar No. 9805 7543 0757. The owner represent that he is the absolute owner of the schedule property and has good marketable, right title and interest therein and that apart from him there are no other persons/s having any right or claim over the schedule property and he has not entered into any agreements/ memorandum of understanding etc., for sale or creation of rights therein. It is hereby informed the general public that a charge, lien, mortgage right title or interest etc., on the schedule property, shall with documentary evidence should notify the undersigned and lodge their objection/s or claims within fifteen (15) days fro the date of this notice with the undersigned, failing which, my client shall proceed with the above mentioned transactions.

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All that piece and parcel of the immovable vacant Site No.71, present Municipal No. 82/71, BBMP Sl. No. 82, earlier Municipal No.71, portion formed in Sy Nos.171, 188/1, 188/2A, 188/2B, 188/3, 189/1, 189/2A, 189/2B, 190/1, 190/2, 190/3A, 190/3B, 190/4, 190/5, 191, 192, 193/1, 194, 195, 196 and 197, formed by the Talacauvery House Building Cooperative Society Ltd., (Regd), Layout plan being approved by the Bangalore Development Authority, Bangalore Vide their letter No.437/94-95, dated: 27-05-1994, (Resolution No. 112/94, Dated: 16-04-1994), situated at: 5th Block, "TALAKAVERI NAGAR', Vibhuthipura Village, Krishnarajapura Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, earlier Bangalore South Taluk, Now comes under BRUHATH BANGALORE MAHANAGARA PALIKE LIMITS, Bangalore, Measuring East to West: 30+33/2 feet and North to South: 40 feet, in all measuring 1260 Sq.ft., and bounded on: **East:** Site bearing No. 70; **West:** 30 feet Road; **North:** 30 feet Road; **South:** Site bearing No.72.

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DIPR/Bidar/327/MC&A/2022-23

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Mysuru	30	17
Bengaluru	27	16

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Bengaluru Tomorrow
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INBRIEF

Minister promises to review proposal to merge depts.

Agriculture Minister K.C. Narayan Gowda has promised to review the State government's move to merge the Sericulture Department with the Agriculture Department. The proposal had drawn flak from sericulture farmers' bodies and experts from the sericulture industry in Karnataka. This comes in response to a letter by Dinesh Gooli Gowda, Congress MLC, to the Minister in which he had explained how the move would prove detrimental to sericulture farmers.

KPCC celebrates birth anniversary of Indira Gandhi

KPCC chief D.K. Shivakumar on Saturday wrote to the party's student wing, NSUI, and hailed its efforts in serving the interests of the country. On the 105th birth anniversary of former Prime Minister the late Indira Gandhi, Mr. Shivakumar said: "NSUI's fearless protest in Tumakuru over the revision of textbooks, calling out the ruling party's whitewashing of history was inspiring and showed that the organisation is following the path of democracy and social justice outlined by Ms. Gandhi during the foundational years." The birthday of the former Prime Minister was observed at the KPCC office in Padmanabhanagar.

IISc alumnus named next president of Tufts varsity

An alumnus of the Indian Institute of Science and Mangalore University has been named the next president of Tufts University. Sunil Kumar, an Indian-origin academician, is the first person of colour to lead Tufts University. Mr. Kumar's father was a police officer. He was born and raised in India, graduating in 1990 with a degree in engineering from Mangalore University.

Order to cancel denotification of forest land hits farmers displaced by Sharavathi project

The issue has gained importance in the wake of Assembly polls in 2023 and it may play a big role during campaigning

Sathish G.T.
HASSAN

A view of an area submerged due to the Sharavathi hydel power project, near Sagar in Shivamogga district. G.R. PANDITH

Decades after giving up their land for the Sharavathi hydel power project, hundreds of farmers in Shivamogga district are finding it difficult to get absolute ownership of the alternative land granted to them. Among them, over 3,000 families are hit by the State government's recent order cancelling the denotification of 9,272.11 acres of forest land, following a Karnataka High Court order.

With elections round the corner, this has turned into a political issue in the district and is expected to assume a bigger role as campaign picks up next year. Leaders of both the BJP and Congress are engaged in giving farmers assurance of resolving the issue.

As things stand today, farmers do not own the land that has been in their possession. As per the court's order dated March 4, 2021, the Department of Forest, Ecology and Environment, issued an order on September 28, 2022, cancelling the previous orders that the dereserved (denotified) forest lands. There were 56 orders issued between 1994 and 2017. A majority of them were issued between 2015 and 2017.

Background

Hundreds of families lost their land for the hydel power project in the 1960s. Among them, many got alternative lands reserved for the purpose in Sagar, Thirthahalli, Shivamogga, Shikaripur, and Bhadravathi taluks. They continued to possess the land, but with no ownership, as the documents were not in their names.

The State government had de-reserved the forest land for non-forest purposes as per the Karnataka Forest Act, 1963. However, this was questioned by Girish Achar, an environment activist based in Hosanagar taluk.

He moved a Public Interest Litigation in 2019, on the grounds that the denotification order was issued without taking prior approval from the Ministry of Environment of Forests of the Union government, as mandated in the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

Mr. Achar told *The Hindu* that he would have not moved the court if genuine land-losers were granted land. "Many of the people who got land are not affected by the hydel power project. If the State government had sought approval from MoEF, proper scrutiny of applicants would have been done, to identify genuine beneficiaries," he said.

The turn of events has led to a series of political activities in the district.

Former Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa, who represents the Shikaripura constituency, recently met Bhupendra Yadav, Union Minister for Environment and Forest, in Delhi and appealed to him to accord approval to the State's proposal for de-reservation. Lok Sabha member B.Y. Raghavendra addressed the farmers on several occasions and assured them of resolution. Home Minister Araga Jnanendra and other BJP MLAs from the district have held a meetings with officers concerned.

Meanwhile, Congress leaders are contemplating a series of protests to blame the incumbent government for the present situation. KPCC president D.K. Shivakumar has constituted a committee of party leaders to submit a report on issues bothering farmers of the Malnad region, including the rehabilitation of Sharavathi project affected people.

Ramesh Hegde, the convener of the committee, said the government failed to convince the courts that the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, could not be applied retrospectively as the power project was taken up much before the act came into effect. "When the Congress was in power, the denotification orders were issued as per the Karnataka Forest Act, 1963," he said. He sought to know how the so-called "double-engine" government had failed to resolve it in favour of farmers.

'Bring back multi-faceted education system'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

"The global best practice in higher education is multi-disciplinary and interdisciplinary courses. Therefore, the Indian education system should bring back the multi-disciplinary system that its ancient universities used to follow," said Manjul Bhargava, professor at Princeton University, U.S., and one of the architects of the National Education Policy 2020.

Speaking at the inauguration of Chanakya University at Jnana Jyothi auditorium on Saturday evening, he said: "The earlier system in India was single-stream institutions where students were not able to make any connections," he said.

"The greatest inventions were made through multi-disciplinary system. The higher education should be multi-disciplinary and interdisciplinary and it should emphasises critical and analytical thinking. The students can see the connection between the subjects. This is important to create new knowledge. It's the best way for our country to move forward." he added.

"In ancient period, Nalanda university is India's great fast an example for multi-disciplinary education produced some other most incredible knowledge. In the modern times The Ivy Leagues in the U.S. use the multi-disciplinary holistic model." he said.

There is no 'post-paid' bribe concept in PC Act when no official work is pending: HC

FROM THE COURT

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Observing that there is no "post-paid" concept under Section 7 of the Prevention of Corruption Act on "demand and acceptance" of bribe, the High Court of Karnataka quashed a corruption case registered against a in-charge sub-registrar by the erstwhile Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB).

"Section 7 of the Act would clearly hint at a 'pre-paid' demand for performing a work and acceptance... The demand should be for any work to be performed and acceptance should be towards the said work," the court observed.

Petition allowed

Justice M. Nagaprasanna passed the order while allowing a petition filed by H. Manjunath, a first division assistant of the Stamps and Registration Department, who was tasked with the duties of the in-charge sub-registrar of Hosadurga in Chitradurga district. The Anti-Corruption Bureau had registered the case in April this year against the petitioner for allegedly demanding ₹5,000 bribe and accepting ₹4,000 from the complainant for registering a mortgage deed.

No work pending

However, the court noticed that the deed was registered way back on February 24, 2022, and the certified copy of the registered deed was also released to the complainant on the same day. Strangely, the complaint of demand to do a favourable work of registering the deed was made to the ACB several days after the deed was registered.

The court also noted that the ACB, after providing specified currency notes to the petitioner, tried to catch the petitioner red-handed on March 2 but it failed as the petitioner was not in office.

Attempt to trap

The second attempt to trap the petitioner was made on April 20 and the ACB found ₹4,000 on the office table of the petitioner. It was the complainant who had kept the amount on the petitioner's table, and the latter was not caught red-handed accepting the amount, the court pointed out.

"If the complainant had complained that the petitioner had demanded money for release of document, that would have been a circumstance altogether different. But in the present case, no work of the complainant was pending before the petitioner when the complaint of demand was made," the court said, while stating that continuation of case against petitioner would not only an abuse of process of law but also degenerate into harassment of the public servant.

Ukraine-returned students start withdrawing admissions

Jayanth R.
BENGALURU

Most students have given up hopes of going back and continuing their medical education in the war zone of Ukraine. FILE PHOTO

Unenthused by the university mobility programme, and worried over the falling of the rupee value and high course fee, most of the Ukraine-returned medical students are withdrawing admissions from various Ukraine universities.

Most of the students have given up hopes of going back and continuing their medical education in the war zone of Ukraine. Some students have already joined degree courses and some plan to join engineering courses. Some students, who are keen on medical profession, have started preparation for NEET-2023 for the second time.

There are no signs of the situation in Ukraine improving and the Union government has failed to accommodate returnees in Indian medical colleges. After the intervention of the Supreme Court, it provided temporary relocation to other universities in different countries through an 'academic mobility programme.'

However, in recent days, the value of the rupee has fallen against the U.S. dollar and it has led the high cost of course fee in foreign universities.

On the other hand, many Ukrainian medical universities are still continuing online classes for Indian students. Some students plan to get transferred to Georgian medical universities and have applied for the educational documents in their Ukrainian universities. But, those universities are demanding full fees from the students for transferring the documents. Instead, students are taking duplicate educational documents and planning to join various degree courses in the State.

Ayesha Huda, the mother of a student from Bengaluru, said: "My daughter was studying in Bukovinian State Medical University. The education was really good and she had scored very well in her first semester. We had a lot of hope on the union government to accommodate her in Indian medical colleges. But, the Centre offered the academic mobility programme. We can't bear the high fee in foreign universities. So, we have withdrawn the admission and my daughter is preparing for NEET-2023."

Inchara Raj, a resident of Kanakapura, said: "The programme is not helpful. Most foreign medical colleges have started their academic year and they will not entertain our admission midway. I don't wish to continue my medical education in Ukraine. Therefore, I plan to join a degree course here."

Changed quota matrix: Promotions stopped temporarily

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BENGALURU

The total reservation matrix in the State now stands at 56%

The State government has asked departments to withhold promotion process temporarily where reservation is applicable, as a new roaster is being formulated under the hiked quota for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes. Besides, promotions given between November 1 to 17 have also been withdrawn.

A circular by Chief Secretary Vandita Sharma cited The Karnataka SCs and STs (Reservation of Seats in Educational Institutions and Appointment or Posts in the Services Under the State) Ordinance, 2022, promulgated by the Governor in October for withholding the promotion process temporarily. A circular was issued on withdrawal of promotions done post November 1.

The circulars comes after the State government SC/ST Employees Association wrote to the Chief Secretary to stop promotions that were being effected at 15% and 3%, respectively, for SCs and STs. It pointed out at several promotions being effected in a hurried manner in the Public Works, Education, and Police departments among others under the old reservation quota.

The State government issued an order giving effect to the provisions of the ordinance from November 1. The ordinance has increased reservation quota of SCs from 15% to 17% and STs from 3% to 7%. The total reservation matrix in the State now stands at 56%.

Association president D. Chandrasekaraiah pointed out that promotions were given under the old quota even after the ordinance was promulgated.

"While we have questioned the need for such hurried promotions, we have also requested the Chief Secretary to cancel promotions done in the old quota system."

India may soon have single e-comm platform

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

India may soon have a single e-commerce platform that will bring together buyers, sellers, logistics players, and payment facilitators, empowering consumers with a wide array of products, vendors, and prices. The Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC) is a not-for-profit initiative started by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), in collaboration with tech leaders and start-up entrepreneurs during the pandemic. Its proponents believe that India has the opportunity to show the world how to democratise and combine the entire digital commerce on a single platform for the convenience of customers and other stakeholders, something similar to how UPI has broken down the monopolies of banks and financial institutions.

Addressing a media conference on Friday, Anuraj Jain, Secretary, DPIIT said the development of an interoperable system, which will be an open network for digital commerce, was under way. This will be contrary to the existing close-loop digital commerce systems.

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Son's in law
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Loving grandchildren

Left leaders say Kerala has no plans to drop SilverLine project

CPI(M)] State secretary says project is conceived foreseeing the development of Kerala for the next 50 years, assures that the semi-high-speed railway project will be implemented as soon as approval of the Centre is received

The Hindu Bureau
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

Amid reports that the Kerala government may freeze the SilverLine semi-high-speed rail project, Communist Party of India (Marxist) [CPI(M)] State secretary M.V. Govindan on Saturday said the State had no plans to drop the project.

Stating that the project would be implemented as soon as approval of the Centre was received, Mr. Govindan said SilverLine was a project conceived foreseeing the development of Kerala for the next 50 years. A proposal of Kerala Rail Development Corporation Limited (K-Rail) to issue a renotification for the social impact study of the project is pending before Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan after the time allotted for various agencies for conducting the study has expired.

Obstacle course: Activists block the vehicle carrying K Rail survey stone in Kollam on Wednesday. C. SURESHKUMAR

Social impact study

There were reports that the government may not issue re-notification for the social impact study as the Centre is yet to give final approval for the project.

Sources say the Revenue Department is of the view that officials deputed for land acquisition works should be repatriated to their parent department if the Centre continues to drag its feet on the project.

Project on track

Denying the reports, Communist Party of India (CPI) State secretary Kanam Rajendran and the office of the Revenue Minister made it clear that the Left Democratic Front (LDF) had not decided to drop the SilverLine project.

Meanwhile, Leader of the Opposition V.D. Satheesan said the Opposition would continue its protest against the project until the government withdrew from the project.

Andaman seeks GI tag for Nicobari *hodi*

Sangeetha Kandavel
CHENNAI

The Geographical Indications Registry at Guindy, Chennai, has received an application from the Tribal Development Council, Andaman & Nicobar Islands, seeking the Geographical Indication (GI) tag for the Nicobari *hodi* boat. This is the first application from the Union Territory seeking a tag for one its products.

The *hodi* is the Nicobari tribe's traditional craft. It is an outrigger canoe, very commonly operated in the Nicobar group of islands. The technical skills for building a *hodi* are based on indigenous knowledge inherited by the Nicobarese from their forefathers.

Awaiting tag: *Hodi* is an outrigger canoe, commonly operated in the Nicobar group of islands. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

The *hodi* is built using either locally available trees or from nearby islands, and its design varies slightly from island to island.

The GI tag application states: "The master carpenter journeys to the islands where the search is to be made for the tree to make *Hodi* craft. Once the choice is made. the terms and conditions under which the owner will allow the tree to be felled have to be determined. The trunk selected has to be free of branches along the required length, while it has to be sufficiently wide in girth to provide for the desired width. A 60 to 80 year old tree with a straight trunk or one having a slight incline to one side is preferred."

Considerations to be taken into account while including the length of the finished canoe, which has to be l2 times that of its width. The length of the undressed tree trunk has to be l5 times this width.

Padma Shri Awardee and GI expert, Rajani Kant, who facilitated the application, said, "*Hodi*s are used for transporting people and goods from one island to another, [for] sending coconuts, [for] fishing and racing purposes."

The *tuhet*, a group of families under a headman, consider the *hodi* an asset. *Hodi* races are held between islands and villages.

Four arrested for allegedly raping model in vehicle

The Hindu Bureau
KOCHI

A 19-year-old model, a resident of Kasaragod, was allegedly gang raped in a car in Kochi on Friday.

The police have recorded the arrest of four accused, including a woman, in the case on Saturday.

The arrested were identified as Vivek, 35, Nidhin, 35, Sudeep, 34, all hailing from Kodungalloor, and Dimple Lamba, alias Dolly, 21, who is originally from Rajasthan and living in Kakkanad now. The South police may produce them before a magistrate late in the night.

Among other charges, the police have invoked Section 370 of the Indian Penal Code for trafficking.

The survivor was allegedly taken in a car from a bar at Ravipuram and raped in the vehicle in the intervening night of Thursday and Friday.

The survivor was taken to the bar by Dimple, who also allegedly invited the men to the place.

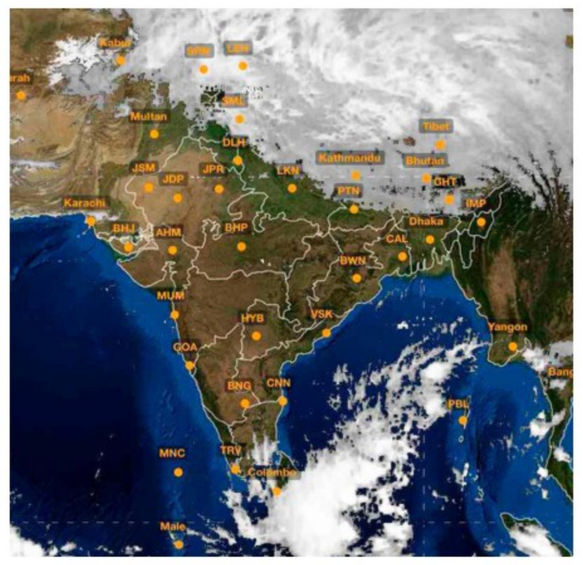
District Police Chief (Kochi City) C.H. Nagaraju told mediapersons on Saturday that a scientific examination was being done to find whether the survivor was administered any drugs before the crime.

The police were also probing whether the crime was premeditated. Nevertheless, conspiracy charges had been invoked against the accused.

Both the survivor and the accused woman were in the modelling field and knew each other.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.00 HRS)

Forecast for Sunday: Squally wind likely to prevail over southwest and adjoining westcentral Bay of Bengal and along & off Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry and Sri Lanka coasts. Fishermen are advised not to venture into these areas

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	—	30.4	14.7	Kozhikode	—	33.0	24.1
Ahmedabad	—	32.1	14.5	Kurnool	—	31.0	18.2
Aizawl	—	26.0	12.0	Lucknow	—	26.6	12.7
Allahabad	—	27.5	11.7	Madurai	—	31.1	21.0
Bengaluru	—	27.0	15.8	Mangaluru	—	32.8	20.4
Bhopal	—	27.0	10.5	Mumbai	—	33.3	20.7
Bhubaneswar	—	29.6	16.8	Mysuru	—	29.0	15.5
Chandigarh	—	27.4	11.4	New Delhi	—	27.0	9.0
Chennai	—	30.2	21.8	Patna	—	27.1	12.5
Coimbatore	—	30.2	18.6	Port Blair	0.8	30.1	25.7
Dehradun	—	26.2	11.2	Puducherry	—	29.4	19.4
Gangtok	—	18.8	9.6	Pune	—	27.8	13.9
Goa	—	33.4	19.8	Raipur	—	27.9	16.3
Guwahati	—	29.2	14.5	Ranchi	—	24.1	11.4
Hubballi	—	30.0	16.0	Shillong	—	22.0	10.0
Hyderabad	—	28.3	16.1	Shimla	—	17.0	6.8
Imphal	—	26.6	8.7	Srinagar	—	11.3	2.2
Jaipur	—	27.7	12.5	Thiruvananthapuram	—	31.7	22.6
Kochi	—	31.0	24.4	Tiruchi	—	30.3	21.0
Kohima	—	20.2	7.4	Vijayawada	—	30.7	19.0
Kolkata	—	28.5	18.3	Visakhapatnam	—	30.6	24.1

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	.18	..89	..8	 49	74	
Bengaluru	...5	..31	68	... 200	...123	
Chennai	.17	..63	52	... 145	...127	
Delhi	.36	115	73	... 323	...374	
Hyderabad	.46	..50	56	... 148	...141	
Kolkata	.27	..55	29	... 146	...139	
Lucknow	.15	112	59	... 228	...179	
Mumbai	.15	252	65	 70	...128	
Pune	..—	..—	55	..... —	.....—	——
Visakhapatnam	.29	..42	23	 89	...121	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Darbhanga, Bihar recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 394 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Shillong, Meghalaya recorded a healthy AQI score of 21

Air Quality Code: Poor | Moderate | Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT DIVISION KOPPAL.
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IFT No. PWD:DK:RD:KW-2,3& 4:2022-23:3101 Date:17-11-2022

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER (IFT)

The Executive Engineer, Public works Department Division Koppal invites tenders from the eligible tenderers as per standard bid documents KW-2, 3 & 4 on e-procurement Portal, **Head of Account : KKRDB Macro (Mega) GDQ), KKRDB Micro (General) & 3054-(Plan) MDR Maintenance / 2022-23.** Two cover Tender procedure as per Rule 28 of the KTPP Act shall be followed. For more information the contractor can contact the under signed during office hours on Phone No. 08539 – 222318 and all informations regarding tenders can be had from website http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in. Work Indent Nos. **159810, 152350/Call-2, 152352/Call-2 & 159923 (4 Works)** Last Date & time for receipt of tenders **24-11-2022 Time 16.00**, Date and time for opening of technical bid **25-11-2022 Time 16.30** Max: Estimate Amount **Rs. 300.00** Lakhs & Min: Estimate Amount **Rs. 25.00** Lakhs. The tender documents can be downloaded from the above website address, EMD, Date of Pre-bid meeting & Queries/Clarification, Date and time for opening of financial bid as mentioned in e-Proc Portal.

Sd/- EE, PWD Division, Koppal.
DIPR/Koppal/448/MCA/2022-23

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby notified that (1) **Dr. SYED HASSAN**, Son of late Mr. Syed Meera Saheb and (2) **Mrs. MASOODA BEGUM,** wife of Dr. Syed Hassan both are residing at No.724, 8th Main Road, III Phase JP Nagar, Bengaluru-560 078, are the owners of Property detailed in the Schedule herein, having purchased the same in terms of a Sale Deed dated 23/08/2012 registered as Document No.2425/2012-13 in Book-I and stored in C.D.No.INRD43, in the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Shivajinagar (Indiranagar), Bengaluru. Dr. Syed Hassan and Mrs. Masooda Begum have now represented that they have either lost or mislaid the Original Sale Deed dated 23/08/2012 relating to the Property and unable to trace the same inspite of their best efforts. If any one finds the Original Sale Deed, they are requested to deliver the same to Dr. Syed Hassan or Mrs. Masooda Begum. Dr. Syed Hassan and Mrs. Masooda Begum, have lodged a complaint with Bengaluru City Police on 27/08/2022 FIR No. 0305336/2022 regarding loss of original Sale Deed. If any person were to deal with the original Sale Deed dated 23/08/2012 registered as Document No.2425/2012-13 in respect of Schedule Property other than with Dr. Syed Hassan and Mrs. Masooda Begum such transactions will not bind them or the Schedule Property and they will be doing so at their own risk and cost.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY:

All that office space bearing Unit No.203 situated at Level-2 of "Prestige Atrium" measuring a super built up area of 2430 Sq. Ft which includes proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, lifts, staircases and other areas of common use and with right to use Three Covered Car Parking spaces in the Basement and the entire Unit is presently bearing Municipal No. 1/10 Central Street, Municipal Ward No.78, Bengaluru, together with 899 Sq. Ft. of Undivided share, right, title, interest and ownership in the Property bearing Municipal No.1 situated in Central Street, Shivajinagar, Municipal Ward No.110 of Sampangiramanagar, Bengaluru measuring 39372 Sq. Ft. and Unit is bounded on the

East by : Unit bearing No.202 in Level-2 of "Prestige Atrium";
West by : Unit bearing No.204 in Level-2 of "Prestige Atrium";
North by: Lobby in Level 2 of "Prestige Atrium; and
South by: Side set back and Open towards Private Property;

Sri. KUSUMA R. MUNIRAJU,
Sri. KUSUMA KAUSHIK,
Advocates,
No. 101, "EDEN PARK",
No 20, Vittal Mallya Road, BANGALORE-560 001.
Tel: 080-22217971.

BANGALORE,
Dt: 18/11/2022.

CAUVERY NEERAVARI NIGAMA LIMITED
(A Government of Karnataka Enterprise)
Office of the Executive Engineer, Hemavathy Dam Division, Gorur Hassan District.

Tender Notification Postponement Dt:17.11.2022

The Calendar events of the short term Tender notification No. 21/2022-23 Dt:07.11.2022, called by the undersigned through E-portal has been postponed on 17.11.2022 is rescheduled due to e-portal technical reasons. (1) Downloading the tender documents through E-portal website (www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in) from 22.11..2022 to 06.12.2022, Opening of Technical bid 07.12.2022, 5.00 PM. Remaining conditions etc., are holds good. For further details contact in the undersigned office between 10.30 AM to 5.30 PM on every working days.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, CNNL, Hemavathy Dam Division, Gorur
ವಾಸಾಸಂ/ಹಿಸನ/ಹಾಸನ/ಎಂಸಿಎ/740/2022–23

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN:U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No.:KPTCL/GMT/CIVIL(B121)/1/2022-DGMC (E-36459) Date:18.11.2022

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(In Karnatka Public Procurement Portal only)

KPTCL invites tenders from eligible bidders for the following works: **1)** Maintenance of lawn, garden, statue, fountain, nursery in KPTCL portion of Kaveri Bhavan, Bengaluru (labour portion only) for a period of **12 months** (estimated cost of **Rs.7,89,000/- including GST**). **2)** Supply and Maintenance of indoor potted plants on rental basis in KPTCL portion of Kaveri Bhavan, Bengaluru for a period of 12 months (estimated cost of **Rs.1,80,000/-** including GST). The offers will be received through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal only. Other details regarding qualifying requirements, EMD and details regarding participating in e-procurement process etc., can be obtained by logging onto KPTCL website: https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in on hyperlink E Procurement KPTCL or to **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in on or after 21.11.2022.** Any details required in this regard can be had from the office of the undersigned, during office hours (Telephone No.080-22238784).

Sd/- General Manager (Tech)
KPTCL, Kaveri Bhavan, Bengaluru-560 009.

Office of the Principal Director,
Karnataka State Audit and Accounts Department
3rd floor, `A' Block, TTMC Building, K.H. Road, Shanthinagara, Bengaluru-560 027. Phone No:- 080- 22214817, Fax No: 080- 22216500
E-mail: controllerstateaccounts@yahoo.com / controllerksaad@gmail.com

No: Ra.Le.Pa. 16 Pra.Tend.Ja. 2022-23 Date:18-11-2022

SHORT- TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

Tenders are invited through e-Procurement only from the Registered Agencies, for providing **Seven (07) vehicles to this Department, hired on annual rate contract basis.**

1)	EMD Amount:	**Rs.84,000/-.**
2)	Tender Publishing Date:	**19.11.2022.**
3)	Last Date & Time for submission of Bid:	**05.12.2022 (upto 4.00 pm).**
4)	Date &Time for opening of Technical Bid: Commercial Bid:	**06.12.2022 at 4.00 p.m. 15.12.2022 at 4.00 p.m.**

Sd/- For Principal Director,
Karnataka State Audit & Accounts Department, Bangalore.
DIPR/CP/AAPL/RO3170/22-23

VISVESVARAYA JALA NIGAM LIMITED
(Government of karnataka Enterprise)
Office of the Executive Engineer, Yettinahole Project Division No 4, Madhugiri. Tumkur Dist-572132, Ph: 08137- 282112
E-mail: eeyetmadhugiri4@gmail.com
Sl No: EE:VJNL/YHP/Div-No.4/Madhugiri/NIT-10/2022-23
Dated:18.11.2022

Short term Tender Notification (Through E-procurement system)

On Behalf of Managing Director, Visvesvaraya Jala Nigama Limited, Bangalore the Executive Engineer, VJNL, Yettinahole Project Division No.4, Madhugiri, Karnataka is inviting tenders in Two tender document system on "Percentage basis" from Eligible contractor's for the work of 1) Survey, Investigation, Design, Supply, Installation Testing and Commissioning of MS Gravity pipe from Boundary of Doddaballapura and Devanahalli Taluk upto offtake point of Devanahalli Feeder in Devanahalli Taluk, Bengaluru Rural district and its appurtenances structures under Yettinahole Project on Turnkey basis(Kolar Package-III.) and 2) Survey, Investigation, Design, Supply, Installation Testing and Commissioning of MS Gravity pipe from offtake point of Devanahalli Feeder to DC-6 near Bullenahalli village in Devanahalli Taluk, Bengaluru Rural district and its appurtenances structures under Yettinahole Project on Turnkey basis(Kolar Package-IV) " For **Rs.394.55** Crore's (Excluding GST) and **Rs.161.71** Crore's (Excluding GST) respectively through e-Procurement portal. The agency, can download and submit the completed bid documents through e-procurement website www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in from **22.11.2022** to **07.12.202**2 upto 5.30 PM, tender shall be submitted through E-proc. Details such as EMD amount, Tender Processing fee, Tender Clarifications, Qualification of bidders, Tender Conditions etc may be obtained through e-procurement. The pre-Bid meeting is scheduled on **01.12.2022** at 11.00 AM in Chief Engineer, VJNL, YHP Zone, Tumkur. The technical bid will be opened on **09.12.2022**, 11.00 AM, in the office of Executive Engineer, VJNL, YHP Division No.04, Madhugiri. The undersigned reserves all rights to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reasons

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
V.J.N.L, YHP Division No.4, Madhugiri.

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ
ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಪಂಚಾಯತ್, ಮಂಡ್ಯ
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ದಿನಾಂಕ: 17–11–2022
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ಟೆಂಡರ್ ವೇಳಾಪಟ್ಟಿ

(1) ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಉಲ್ಲೇಖ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ : ಶಿಅಯೋ/ಮ/ಮೊಟ್ಟೆ.ಟೆಂಡರ್.R-1/2022 ದಿನಾಂಕ: **17-11-2022DWCD/2022-23/IND1840/CALL-2** (2) ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್ **http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** ನಿಂದ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ದಸ್ತಾವೇಜಿನ ಡೌನ್‌ಲೋಡ್ ಪ್ರಾರಂಭದ ದಿನಾಂಕ : ಪ್ರಾರಂಭ ದಿನಾಂಕ: **17–11–2022.** (3) ಪೂರ್ವ ಬಿಡ್ ಸಭೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ, ಸಮಯ ಮತ್ತು ಸ್ಥಳ : **24.11.2022 ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ 11:00 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ** ಈ ಕೆಳಗಿನ ಸ್ಥಳದಲ್ಲಿ : **ಶಿಶು ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಯೋಜನಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳ ಕಛೇರಿ. ಮದ್ದೂರು ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು, ಮಹಿಳಾ ಮತ್ತು ಮಕ್ಕಳ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ ಟಿ.ಬಿ.ಸರ್ಕಲ್, ಮಳವಳ್ಳಿ ರಸ್ತೆ, ಮದ್ದೂರು ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು–571428 ದೂರವಾಣಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 08232 – 200814.** (4) ಇ– ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಆನ್‌ಲೈನ್ ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆಗಳನ್ನು ಅಪ್‌ಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಮತ್ತು ಸಮಯ : **28.11.2022 ರಿಂದ 05:00 PM.** (5) ಇ–ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಅನ್ನು ಇ– ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಅಪ್‌ಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಮತ್ತು ಸಮಯ : **02.12.2022 ರಿಂದ 5:00 PM ರವರೆಗೆ.** (6) ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಆನ್‌ಲೈನ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಮತ್ತು ಸಮಯ : 05.**12.2022, 11:00 AM ಅನಂತರ** (7) ಹಣಕಾಸು ಬಿಡ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಮತ್ತು ಸಮಯ : **ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ತಿಳಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು.** (8) ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ತೆರೆಯುವ ಸ್ಥಳ : **ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್** (9) ಸಂವಹನಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ವಿಳಾಸ : **ಶಿಶು ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಯೋಜನಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳ ಕಛೇರಿ, ಮದ್ದೂರು, ಮಹಿಳಾ ಮತ್ತು ಮಕ್ಕಳ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ ಟಿ.ಬಿ.ಸರ್ಕಲ್, ಮಳವಳ್ಳಿ ರಸ್ತೆ,ಮದ್ದೂರು ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು–571428 ದೂರವಾಣಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 08232 – 200814 ಇಮೇಲ್: cdpo_maddur@yahoo.com**

ಸಹಿ/–ಶಿಶು ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಯೋಜನಾಧಿಕಾರಿ, ಮದ್ದೂರು, ಮಂಡ್ಯ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ.
ವಾಸಾಸಂಇ/ಸನಿ–ಮಂ/ಎಂಸಿಎ/464/2022–23

KARNATAKA NEERAVARI NIGAM LIMITED
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SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through e-Procurement Portal only)

No.EE/KNNL/BDN-4/PB-5/4701 Bhadra/Tender Notification No - 28 /2022-23 Dated : 17.11.2022

Percentage Tenders by e-procurement portal in the prescribed form is invited by the undersigned on behalf of Managing Director, KNNL, Bangalore from the eligible Contractor under the Head of Account 4701 Bhadra. The No. of works is 01. The approximate cost of amount put to tender is **Rs.174.36 Lakhs.** The amount of **EMD is Rs.261600/-** (by e-portal) Contactors can access and submission of completed e-tendering documents from **17.11.2022 to 28.11.2022 upto 17.30 hours** in the **website http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** Pre-Bid meeting **on 22.11.2022 @ 11.00 Hrs at Division Office.** Technical Bid will be opened on **29.11.2022 at 17.31 hours**. Financial Bid will be opened After obtaining approval of technical bid from competent authority, the Financial Bid will be opened. Stipulated period for completion of **work 06 Months (Including monsoon).** For more conditions and details visit website **http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in.** OR at undersigned in all working days during office hours on telephone No. **08282 271063**

DIPR/SMG/No.110-11 zenkar/2022-23

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
KNNL,No.4 BRLBC Division, Bhadravathi.

RURAL DRINKING WATER & SANITATION DEPARTMENT
Office of the Executive Engineer,
Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Division, Bangalore Rural,
Beerasandra, Devanahalli Taluk. Email: eerdwsd.bngr1@gmail.com
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ಸಂ: ಕಾಪಾಅ/ಗ್ರಾಕು.ನೀ&ನೈರ್ಮಲ್ಯ ವಿಭಾಗ/ಬೆಂ.ಗ್ರಾ/ತಾ.ಶಾ/ಟೆಂಡರ್22–23 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 18.11.2022

SHORT-TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION NO. 22/2022-23/1638 Date: 18.11.2022
(Through e-Procurement Portal Only)

Tenders are invited on behalf of Governer of Karnataka according to KTTP Act 2000 through E-procurement Portal for the works under 2021-22 2215 H/A under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) to **Provide FHTCs to House Holds in Bangalore Rural District** (Standard Tender Document KW-1, KW-2, KW-3 & KW-4) Application & EMD Payment to be done through E-Procurement Portal.

General conditions: 1) Contractor has to upload Document in online only 2) All qualifying documents has to be attached in online.

(1) Tender Schedule can be downloaded from website**: after 4.00 PM Dated:19.11.20222 (2)** Last date for tender uploading**: upto 4.00 PM Dated: 05.12.2022 (3)** Date of opening of Tender / Technical Bid**: at 04.05 PM Dated: 06.12.2022 (4)** Date of opening of Financial Bid: **at 11.00 AM Dated: 08.12.2022**.

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Executive Engineer
RDW&S Division, Bangalore Rural
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Srinagar set for a ₹980-crore makeover

"It will bring old charm to the market. Tourists will have a better shopping experience than in the past," Mr. Bhat, who owns the market's oldest shawl shop, Butterfly, set up by his ancestors in 1901, said.

Just metres away from Polo View, by the bank of the Jhelum river, are the Valley's oldest craft and tailoring shops. Coming up here soon is a four-km-long cycling track, running parallel to Srinagar's commercial nerve centre, Lal Chowk. "During the British period, Kashmiris were barred from using the Jhelum riverfront for not being worthy enough. Even cycling was taxed on the riverbank. With the new cycling track, history takes a new turn," Afzal Dar, a resident of the riverbank and a teacher by profession, said.

Iftikhar Ahmad Kakroo, chief engineer, Srinagar Smart City Limited, told *The Hindu* that the city's Jhelum riverfront will see a phased uplift, making water transport up to the old city "an experience for travellers". The Dal Lake will have a five-km cycling track from Nishat up to Habbak. An outer circle of Lal Chowk will have a 15-km cycling track. "We are buying 2,000 cycles and the first batch will arrive this year to start the rent-a-cycle system," Mr. Kakroo said.

'If we ignore Tamil, it will be great disservice'

Elaborating on the ancient ties between Kashi and Tamil Nadu, Mr. Modi said, "Both regions are the centres of the oldest languages, Sanskrit and Tamil."

Paying rich tributes to poet and freedom fighter Subramania Bharathi, the Prime Minister said, "There is a great personality from Tamil Nadu, Subramania Bharathi, a great poet and freedom fighter, who lived for a long time in Kashi and studied here."

The Prime Minister claimed that the Kashi-Tamil Sangamam is unique in many ways and this confluence signifies India's cultural foundation. "Our nation's cultural hub today is Kashi, which encompasses the entirety of India. On the other hand, Tamil Nadu and the Tamil culture are the foundation of India's antiquity and pride. This confluence is as sacred as the Ganga and the Yamuna. Like Ganga and Yamuna, it is a source of limitless potential and power," he added.

He said Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, who was born in Tamil Nadu, was the Vice-Chancellor of the BHU. The renowned Vedic scholar Rajeshwar Shastri lived in Kashi, even though he had his roots in Tamil Nadu

"If you visit Kashi, you will see the Kashi Kaam Koteshwar Panchayatan Mandir, which is a Tamil temple on the banks of Harishchandra Ghat, and the 200-year-old Kumarswamy Matt and Markande Ashram on Kedar Ghat," he said.

Mr. Modi was accompanied by Uttar Pradesh Governor Anandiben Patel, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, and Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan. Mr. Adityanath welcomed everyone in Tamil by saying, "*Ungalai Kashiyil Varaverkirom* (Welcome to Kashi)."

COP-27 likely to agree on fund for climate fight

This was the first COP to formally include L&D as an agenda item. With little agreement among countries on other issues such as a call to eliminate all forms of fossil fuel or deliver on climate finance to developing countries, clarity on an L&D fund was widely perceived as a successful, tangible outcome from COP-27.

"The Conference of Parties welcomes the consideration, for the first time, of matters relating to funding arrangements responding to loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change... establishing the institutional arrangements... for averting, minimising and addressing loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change... including supporting its mandated role in catalysing technical assistance for the implementation of the relevant approaches at the local, national and regional level in developing countries that are particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change," said a draft agreement on Saturday.
(With inputs from AP)

India moots permanent secretariat to fight terror

Mr. Shah reiterated India's position that all countries will have to agree on one common definition of "terrorism" and "terror financing", adding that it "should not become a political issue". He called for the prevention of use of non-profit organisations to spread terror ideology. "During the deliberations, India has sensed the need for permanency of this unique initiative of NMFT, in order to sustain the continued global focus on countering the financing of terrorism."

"Now the time is ripe for a permanent secretariat to be established. India will circulate a discussion paper to all participating jurisdictions for their valuable comments," Mr. Shah said at the conclusion of the NMFT meet, attended by delegates from 93 countries and multilateral organisations. The announcement took delegates by surprise. One of them said the proposal was not part of the discussions at the two-day conference.

Arun Goel

Arun Goel appointed Election Commissioner

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Former Secretary of the Ministry of Heavy Industries Arun Goel, who took voluntary retirement service (VRS) six weeks prior to his retirement, has been appointed as an Election Commissioner on Saturday. "The President is pleased to appoint Shri Arun Goel, IAS (Retd.) as the Election Commissioner in the Election Commission with effect from the date he assumes the office," the Union Law and Justice Ministry said in a statement.

The post of one Election Commissioner in the commission had been vacant since May 15, when the former Rajiv Kumar took charge as the Chief Election Commissioner.

Gautam Navlakha out of jail, to remain under house arrest

Special court issues a release memo, a day after the Supreme Court rejected a petition from the National Investigation Agency not to shift him from prison; he moves to a house chosen by him

Sonam Saigal
MUMBAI

Activist Gautam Navlakha, accused in the 2018 Bhima Koregaon caste violence case, was transferred on Saturday from Taloja Central Jail in Navi Mumbai to house arrest for a month.

On November 18, the Supreme Court refused a petition by the National Investigation Agency to recall its November 10 order to shift him from jail to house arrest, asking if "the might of the state cannot keep an eye on an ailing, 70-year-old man".

Solicitor-General Tushar Mehta and Additional Solicitor-General S.V. Raju said that Mr. Navlakha was charged under the Unlawful Activities Prevention Act (UAPA) and had "misled" the court to understand that the house arrest premises was a residential property with a library occupying the ground floor.

Instead, they said, the building was an "office" of the Communist Party. They said a recce by the NIA had revealed a "kitchen door" leading outside and a collapsible grille door. They added that karate classes were held on the terrace, where "fit people" attend and could pose a security threat to the police guard. They also said that a CCTV camera had not been put up at one of the entrances to the house arrest premises.

Heading home: Gautam Navlakha being taken to the CPI(M) office building at Belapur in Navi Mumbai on Saturday. PTI

Mr. Navlakha, 73, had surrendered before the NIA office in Delhi on April 14, 2021, and was taken into judicial custody soon after. He was released from jail after a special NIA court issued a release memo in the afternoon after which he was released in the evening.

The case relates to an event marking the anniversary of January 1, 1818, when a battle was fought between the British Army and the Peshwas and they were forcibly removed. To honour their gallantry, a monument was built called the 'Vijay Stambh'. On January 1, 1927, B.R. Ambedkar had visited the site and started an annual tradition to celebrate the occasion.

On December 31, 2017, a public meeting was organised called an 'Elgar Parishad'. The next day, many Dalits and Bahujans gathered and were attacked by a mob, which resulted in the death of a Maratha youth. On January 2, 2018, a resident Anita Sawale filed an FIR against Hindutva leaders Milind Ekbote and Sambhaji Bhide. Later, 22 FIRs were registered in the case and most of them are under investigation.

SP draws BJP's ire over Lord Ram remark by Maurya

The Hindu Bureau
LUCKNOW

The Samajwadi Party (SP) has drawn criticism from the BJP, after party leader and former Minister Swami Prasad Maurya allegedly made controversial statements about Lord Ram while addressing the public in Mainpuri.

The BJP lashed out at Mr. Maurya and said the voters of Mainpuri, Rampur and Khatauli would teach the SP a lesson in the byelection.

In the alleged viral video, Mr. Maurya could be heard saying, "The BJP plays politics in the name of Lord Ram. The BJP sells the name of Lord Ram. They bargain on Ram's name. It looks like Ram was begotten by Modi, Ram comes after Modi." *The Hindu* could not independently verify the authenticity of the video.

Rakesh Tripathi, BJP spokesperson in U.P., stated, "Swami Prasad Maurya has a habit of making such statements when he was in BSP too. When he was in the BJP, he never made such remarks. It highlights the ideology and hatred of the SP towards Hindu deities. They will pay for it in the coming Lok Sabha and Vidhan Sabha bypolls."

Shah raises detention of 16 sailors with Nigeria

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Union Home Minister Amit Shah raised the case of 16 Indian sailors who have been detained in Nigeria for the last three months during a bilateral meeting with his Nigerian counterpart on the sidelines of a counter-terrorism financing conference on Friday.

"We also discussed the Indian sailors who were apprehended recently. I want to assure that we respect India and tender respect to all Indians," said Nigerian Interior Minister Ogbeni Rauf Aregbesola, speaking to reporters after the conclusion of the 'No Money for Terror' conference on Saturday.

Norwegian oil carrier MT Heroic Idun was detained by the Equatorial Guinea Navy at the instance of their Nigerian counterparts on August 12. The vessel had on board 26 sailors, including 16 from India, who have been detained since.

Australia-India trade pact is set for quick ratification, says Australian Minister

Kallol Bhattacherjee
NEW DELHI

A key legislative committee in the Australian Parliament has endorsed the India-Australia trade pact which will send a powerful "signal" to businesses on both sides, Australia's Assistant Minister for Foreign Affairs Tim Watts said here on Saturday.

In an exclusive interview to *The Hindu*, Mr. Watts said Australia will support India during the G-20 summit that is scheduled to be held here next year and confirmed that Prime Minister Anthony Albanese will visit New Delhi in March.

"One of the most exciting things is that the Economic Cooperation and Trade Agreement (ECTA) that had been negotiated recently is being recommended for (legislative) action by the Joint Standing Committee on Treaties in Australia. That means we can get straight down to legislating the necessary changes to our law to bring the treaty into effect," said Mr. Watts.

Tim Watts

He met his Indian counterpart, Minister of State for External Affairs Meenakshi Lekhi, on Friday and discussed the whole range of bilateral issues.

Mr. Watts cautioned that the parliamentary process could be "tricky" but promised that the treaty would be ratified "as soon as possible". "I would be hopeful that we would get this through very quickly," Mr. Watts said. "Even beyond the details of the agreement, the signal that it sends to Australian and Indian businesses is really significant. It's going to put the spotlight on trade between Australia and India."

The Minister who once visited India during his younger years just to see the Wankhede Stadium in Mumbai said that the government of Anthony Albanese would continue the warmth in bilateral relationship as was in evidence during the tenure of his predecessor Scott Morrison and informed that Mr. Albanese has confirmed his March 2023 visit to India. Explaining the divergence of views on Russia as apparent in the Bali Declaration which indicated that not all G-20 members condemned the Russian military action against Ukraine, Canberra's Assistant Foreign Minister acknowledged that members are expected to follow self-interest but argued that the "the clearest way to end the war in Ukraine is for Russia to withdraw".

Amid protests by lawyers of three HCs, CJI seeks 'harmony'

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

Chief Justice of India (CJI) D.Y. Chandrachud on Saturday sought "harmony, balance, tranquillity and balance" even as Supreme Court Collegium recommendations to transfer High Court judges sparked protests and strike by lawyers in Telangana and Gujarat.

The Gujarat High Court advocates have declared an indefinite strike against the proposed transfer of Justice Nikhil Kariel. The Telangana High Court lawyers have held protests and boycotted hearings against the proposed transfer of Justice A. Abhishek Reddy.

Lawyers in the Madras High Court have made their displeasure clear on the transfer of Acting Chief Justice T. Raja to Rajasthan.

CJI Chandrachud, quoting B.R. Ambedkar on Saturday, said "*satyagraha*" or "strike" was an "instrument when we were under colonial rule... now we are making the migration to Home Rule."

CJI D.Y. Chandrachud

Union Law Minister Kiren Rijiju, who spoke at the function, took an unfavourable view of the protests, saying "when you become too loud about putting forward your demands, it has the risk of taking a different turn".

"We have to think and we have to decide whether this will be good for the institution or not. Everybody talks about strengthening the institution, if we don't respect the institution, it will amount to disrespecting yourselves," he said.

Two iconic battles and a massive infrastructure upgrade

Dinakar Peri
NEW DELHI

The 60th anniversary of two iconic battles in the India-China war was observed this week: the Battle of Walong, in the eastern sector, on November 16 and the Battle of Rezang La in eastern Ladakh on November 18. Today, both India and China, against the backdrop of a 30-month stand-off, are engaged in massive infrastructure upgrade and consolidation of positions along the 3,488-km-long Line of Actual Control (LAC).

Construction of a series of roads, tunnels, caverns and underground ammunition stores is in progress, a defence source said. Nine new tunnels are under construction, including the strategic 2.5-km-long Sela tunnel in Tawang at an altitude of 13,000 feet, which will be the highest bi-lane tunnel in the world once completed. Another 11 tunnels are being planned, the source said.

Heroic resistance: A group of the Gurkha Rifles who fought in the Battle of Walong in 1962. THE HINDU ARCHIVES

The Border Roads Organisation (BRO) is currently executing 18 projects spread across the country. This effort to build habitats and adding firepower is an effort to reduce the asymmetry with the infrastructure upgrade by the Chinese People's Liberation Army (PLA).

In Arunachal, a 2,000-km-long frontier highway also known as the Mago-Thingbu-Vijaynagar border highway is planned to be constructed at cost of ₹40,000 crore which follows the McMahon Line. In order to provide interconnectivity between three horizontal national highways – Frontier Highway, Trans-Arunachal Highway and East-West Industrial Corridor Highway – six vertical and diagonal national highway corridors of a total length of 2,178 km are planned to be built, which will also provide faster access to border areas, a source added.

Battle of Walong

In the Battle of Walong, the Indian Army halted the advancing PLA soldiers for 27 days, which forced them to commit their reserve division from Tawang Sector to Walong. Vastly out-numbered and with little ammunition and no resources, Indian soldiers fought to the last man.

A defence official said, "It was only here, that for over two weeks India launched repeated attacks against the Chinese to retake our positions. It was only here that battles were fought at heights ranging from 3,000 to 14,000 feet without acclimatisation."

To mark the 60th anniversary, the Army's Eastern Command organised a month-long celebration starting October 17. The celebrations were aligned to the events as they unfolded in 1962 and encompassed a large number of activities in Arunachal Pradesh and Upper Assam, the Army said in a statement.

Rezang La

In the Battle of Rezang La, troops from the 13 Kumaon Regiment defeated several waves of the PLA. The battle was fought at an altitude of 18,000 feet where Major Shaitan Singh and 114 troops of the Charlie Company of 13 Kumaon fought till "last bullet and last breath".

Major Shaitan Singh was posthumously awarded the Param Vir Chakra (PVC), the country's highest wartime gallantry award. Last November, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh inaugurated the revamped war memorial at Rezang La.

Beware of 'gang' set on defaming Gujarat: Modi

The Hindu Bureau
AHMEDABAD

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday again warned the people of his home State of Gujarat to "beware of a gang that defames Gujarat and its people", while stressing that the people of Gujarat would give no space to "such a gang" in the State.

Mr. Modi first led a huge roadshow in the industrial town of Vapi and then addressed a rally at Valsad.

He said Gujaratis would never harm anyone and their peace-loving nature endeared them to wherever they settled.

On Saturday, a total of 1,112 nomination forms were found to be valid for the second phase of Gujarat Assembly polls to be held on December 5, an official said.

In his campaign for the BJP, Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma highlighted the brutal killing of Shraddha Walkar by her live-in partner Aftab Poonawalla in Delhi. He claimed that the murder was a case of "love jihad" and warned there would be Aftabs in every city if there was not a strong leader like Mr. Modi.

BJP president J.P. Nadda termed the Congress as "anti-Gujarat" after the Narmada Bachao Andolan activist joined Mr. Gandhi's march in Maharashtra. Mr. Nadda called Ms. Patkar "anti-Narmada, anti-Gujarat and anti-Saurashtra", one who tried to stall the construction of the Narmada dam and opposed the use of water for the people of Saurashtra. "If such people join Rahul Gandhi, it reflects his mentality," he told reporters.

Variegated political strokes in Diamond City

Migrants from at least six States form a good chunk of the electorate in Surat; in making a choice, north Indian voters are torn between the established player BJP and the new entrant AAP

Abhinay Deshpande
SURAT

Small hopes: Radheshyam Gupta and his relative Chandan Gupta at Shivaji Nagar. ABHINAY DESHPANDE

The dingy lanes of Ashapuri in Surat, a home for migrants from at least six States, is alive with hectic political activity these days ahead of the Assembly election in December.

Plagued by a lack of basic amenities, these migrants from Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Odisha, West Bengal, Madhya Pradesh and Telangana have made this locality, one of the biggest residential areas in the city, their home for the past several decades.

There are over 15 lakh migrant workers in Surat engaged in diamond cutting and polishing, textile mills, embroidery, handloom, and textile dyeing, while some make their living by selling vegetables and fruits on pushcarts and by running *kirana* shops in the densely populated localities of the city.

After the announcement of the election schedule, contestants from various political parties have been taking part in electioneering to win over voters here. Most voters have been evincing interest towards the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) rather than the Congress or the new entrant Aam Aadmi Party (AAP).

The Majura and Choryasi constituencies, which include areas in Ashapuri, have electorates of almost 2.8 lakh and 5.5 lakh, respectively, a majority of whom are from Uttar Pradesh, Odisha and Bihar.

"We have been loyal to the BJP and will continue to remain so. A large section of people living in this locality are not bothered about other parties, and believe that voting for the Congress or any other party is like wasting our franchise," said Ashok Singh, president of the Ganpatnagar Cooperative Housing Society, in an area which falls under the Majura constituency currently represented by Gujarat's Home Minister Harsh Sanghavi.

A native of Jaunpur in Uttar Pradesh, Mr. Singh migrated to Surat in 1982 to work in the textile industry. Despite the lack of basic facilities for healthcare, education and so on or benefits from the welfare schemes provided by the State government, many north Indian voters like Mr. Singh believe that voting for the BJP is the "right" choice.

"We don't even know the AAP candidate's name. Since they know that we are the staunch supporters of the BJP, people from other parties don't waste their time by campaigning here," said Dilip Kumar Mourya, who runs a *paan* shop at Gwalak Nagar.

Some distance away in Shivaji Nagar, 29-year-old autorickshaw driver Ganesh Kumar Sahu, who has been living in the city of diamonds for the past couple of years, was reluctant to reveal his political affiliation, but said that it was time for a change.

"I don't support the BJP, or the Congress or the AAP, but it is high time for a change. If we are getting benefited by voting for the AAP, we will vote for it," he said.

At Shivaji Nagar, Radheshyam Gupta and his relative Chandan Gupta, both vegetable vendors, were of the same opinion. They felt that the AAP may be new to the political landscape of BJP-ruled Gujarat but there is no harm in trusting them. "After seeing videos of government schools and hospitals in Delhi on WhatsApp and Facebook, I feel there is no harm in voting for them. If they promise to bring change in our lives, we are ready to support them," Mr. Gupta said.

Their customer joined the discussion, saying, "*Uss Delhi wale pe kaisa bharosa kare? BJP appne ghar ka party hai, bahar wale koo thodi hum Gujarat me pravesh karne denge*. (How can we trust that Delhi *wala*? We cannot allow outsiders to come into Gujarat. BJP is our party.)"

Daughter-in-law, disciple battle over Mulayam Singh's legacy in Mainpuri

Ishita Mishra
MAINPURI

Netaji's turf: Both contestants are seeking votes by staking claim to the legacy of the socialist doyen. PTI

On a hot April day amid hectic campaigning for the 2019 Lok Sabha election, Samajwadi Party (SP) patriarch Mulayam Singh, aka Netaji, made an emotional appeal to voters in Mainpuri, his family's pocket borough in Uttar Pradesh. He requested them to ensure his victory in his last election. Little did they know that his statement would prove to be prophetic.

Mulayam's death on October 10 this year has created an emotional and political void in Mainpuri, and the Lok Sabha seat with five Assembly segments – Mainpuri, Bhongaon, Kishni, Karhal and Jaswantnagar – is set to witness its first election since 1967 without the SP founder.

In Netaji's absence, his son and party president, Akhilesh Yadav, has fielded his wife, Dimple Yadav to retain the family's stronghold, while the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has declared Mulayam's former disciple Raghuraj Singh Shakya as its candidate. Both contestants are seeking votes by staking claim to the legacy of the socialist doyen.

Mr. Akhilesh, who has been leading the party since 2017, is hoping to coast to victory in the Yadav-dominated constituency, which has consistently voted for the party. By choosing its candidate from the Shakya community, the second-largest electorate after the Yadavs in Mainpuri, the BJP is hoping to win with the help of non-Yadav votes. On November 14, before filing her nomination papers, Ms. Dimple and Mr. Akhilesh visited the Saifai Mahotsav ground in Mulayam's village in Etawah district, where his last rites were performed, and pledged their commitment to Mulayam's principles. The party plans to build a statue of its founder at the site.

"This is not my election, but Netaji's election. His blessings have been with us and always will be," she said, urging voters to bestow on her their affection for Mulayam.

Before kicking off his poll campaign, Mr. Shakya, too, paid his respects to Mulayam at his memorial, and asserted that Netaji's true political heir should be his *shishya* and not family members who have "betrayed him for power". "The family has let down Netaji. I am his disciple. I know Mainpuri will hand over his baton to me," he said.

Subhash Chandra Yadav, former State Minister and son of Nathu Singh Yadav, the political mentor of Mulayam, disagrees with Mr. Shakya.

"Only Akhilesh and Dimple can replace Mulayam in Mainpuri," he says, recalling the days when the SP founder used to campaign on a bicycle without even a mudguard. Mr. Subhash Chandra says his father had once seen Mulayam fighting in an *akhada* (wrestling ring) in Saifai and immediately decided to make him his political heir.

He vacated the Jaswantnagar Assembly seat for Mulayam, who went on to represent the constituency seven times between 1967 and 1993.

In 1996, Netaji decided to contest the Mainpuri Lok Sabha seat and handed Jaswantnagar to Mr. Shivpal, who has retained the seat since then.

"The Samajwadi Party has always used Mainpuri to kick off the careers of the party founder's sons and nephews. Mainpuri will not be fooled by *parivarwaad* (dynastic politics) anymore," says Jaiveer Singh, State Tourism Minister and MLA from Mainpuri (Sadar).

I-T official-turned-BJP man now in AAP camp, takes on Gujarat Home Minister

The Hindu Bureau
SURAT

Changing path: Sarma is contesting the Majura seat. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

After a bitter experience in the BJP, P.V.S. Sarma, 57, a former Assistant Commissioner with the Income Tax Department, switched loyalty to the Aam Aadmi Party and will contest against Gujarat Home Minister Harsh Sanghvi from the Majura constituency in Surat in the upcoming Assembly election.

A native of Deverakonda in Nalgonda district of Telangana, Mr. Sarma got transferred to Surat as an inspector in 1992, and 15 years later, in 2007, he opted for voluntary retirement to join the saffron party on the advice of then Chief Minister of Gujarat and Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

However, a decade and a half later, after holding various positions, he left the BJP alleging "ill-treatment and vindictive attitude by the State leadership" towards him and joined the AAP.

"Leaving the organisation where one has spent a long time as a disciplined soldier was a very difficult decision to make, and contesting against the Home Minister, Mr. Sanghvi, is equally challenging. It is going to be a tough fight, and we are ready for it. It is my *karam bhoomi*," Mr. Sarma said.

The Majura Assembly seat has been represented by Mr. Sanghvi since 2012. "If there is a change in the air, no one can stop it. People are talking about the AAP's promises of 300 units of free power, affordable healthcare and free education. They are scared to express their opinion openly, which itself is a very strong indicator in favour of our party," he said.

History needs to show Mughals did not conquer all of India: Assam CM

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Former Congress chief Rahul Gandhi has committed a "sin" by attacking right-wing deologue V.D. Savarkar, Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma said on Saturday.

"Savarkar spent many years in jail; what have the people questioning him done for the country. It is a sin which Rahul Gandhi should not commit," Mr. Sarma said.

Mr. Sarma was launching an event to mark the 400th anniversary of Lachit Barphukan, a celebrated General of the Ahom dynasty, which ruled Assam for 600 years. He claimed that the Mughals never conquered northeastern India and South India but these facts have been distorted.

"History needs to be rewritten because the Left historians have distorted and made it appear as though the Mughal emperors conquered entire India. They never conquered Northeast India and South India," he said.

Mr. Sarma further said it was "left conspiracy to project that the whole of India was defeated by the Mughals."

The Assam Chief Minister added that he had requested all the Chief Ministers to include Lachit Barphukan in the history books.

KERALA WATER AUTHORITY e-Tender Notice

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The Executive Engineer, VJNL, UBP, Division No.01 Kadur as per KW-4, invited TURNKEY BASIS tender (TWO SEPARATE E-TENDER) through e-procurement only vide tender no :10/2022-23, Date:16-11-2022 on behalf of the Managing Director, Visvesvaraya Jala Nigam Ltd, Bangalore form the eligible KPWD Class-1 of contractors who fulfils the pre-Qualification conditions for the INDENT NO: VJNL/2022-23/LI/WORK_INDENT 2383. The Contractors can download and submit the completed bid documents through e-procurement website www.erpoc.karnataka.gov.in from 19-11- 2022 to 07-12-2022 upto 17.30 hours. Details such as Name of work/Amount put to tender/qualification of Bidders/Tender conditions/Tender processing fee etc can be obtained through e- procurement or from the office of the under signed during the office hours upto 7-12-2022 up to 17.30 hours. The tender will be opened on 09-12-2022 @ 11.00 hours at the office of the Executive Engineer, VJNL, UBP, Division No.01 Kadur through e-procurement.

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2.	Estimated Cost	Rs.672.38 Lakh
3.	Period of Completion	06 (Six) Calendar Months including rainy season
4.	Date & Time of availability of bid document in the portal	Dt.22.11.2022 from 10.00 Hours to Dt.06.12.2022 up to 17.00 Hours
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7.	Name and Address of the Officer Inviting Bid	Er. Prasanna Kumar Pani, Chief Construction Engineer, Kanupur Irrigation Project, At/PO : Basudevpur, Dist.: Keonjhar. Odisha - 758047

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INBRIEF

Modi inaugurates Arunachal's first greenfield airport

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Donyi Polo Airport, the first such greenfield facility in Arunachal Pradesh, on Saturday. The airport at Hollongi, around 15 km from the State capital Itanagar, will link the border State to other Indian cities with commercial flights as well as other parts of Arunachal Pradesh, through helicopter services."Political commentators had claimed (in 2019) that the laying of the foundation stone for the airport was an election gimmick. But today when there are no elections due, we are launching this airport. This airport is a slap on their face," the Prime Minister said. PTI

Withdraw compulsory Hindi test in DU, MP urges Minister

CPI(M) Rajya Sabha member A.A. Rahim has urged Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan to withdraw the Compulsory Test in Hindi (CTH) and provide the option of English in the Ability Enhancement Compulsory Course (AECC) at the University of Delhi (DU). In a letter sent to Mr. Pradhan, he said,"...The university must be a place of openness and inclusivity and respect the diversity of its student body and not follow exclusionary policies. The act of having a compulsory test in Hindi as a condition for receiving degree is nothing but an exclusionary policy of imposing Hindi."

'Will fight polls, but won't stand for party chief post'

Former Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister and National Conference (NC) president Dr. Farooq Abdullah said he intends to contest the upcoming Assembly election in the Union Territory, but will not stand for the presidential polls of the party which is scheduled on December 5. "Our party has a democratic set up. Delegates will decide whom to elect as the party president on December 5," Dr. Abdullah said.

Centre launches 'Toilets 2.0' campaign in Bengaluru

Union Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs Hardeep Singh Puri launched 'Toilets 2.0' campaign at a national event in Bengaluru on the occasion of World Toilet Day, 2022 on Saturday. The campaign aims to change the face of public and community toilets in urban India through collective action involving citizens and urban local bodies. "India is set to go beyond the Open Defecation Free narrative. Clean and safe public restrooms and public spaces will improve the experience and quality of public life," he said.

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'67% drop in PM-Kisan payout in 3 years'

The number of beneficiaries of the scheme came down from 11.84 crore to 3.87 crore since the first instalment in February 2019 till the 11th instalment in May-June 2022, show Agriculture Ministry data; Centre says families have so far received more than ₹2 lakh crore under the scheme

A.M. Jigeesh
NEW DELHI

The number of farmers who received the 11th instalment of funds from the Prime Minister's Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) has fallen by 67%, according to the Agriculture Ministry's response to a Right to Information query from activist Kanhaiya Kumar.

PM-KISAN is a flagship Central scheme launched in 2019 to pay eligible farmer families ₹6,000 a year in three instalments of ₹2,000 each.

The Agriculture Ministry's instalment-wise payment success report showed that only 3.87 crore farmers received the 11th instalment of ₹2,000 in their accounts in May-June 2022. This is a sharp drop from the 11.84 crore farmers who received the first instalment back in February 2019, just before the Lok Sabha election.

The 12th instalment was disbursed on October 17 this year.

Year-by-year drop

From 11.84 crore farmers in the first instalment, the falling trend started from the sixth instalment which was received by 9.87 crore farmers. The seventh, eighth, ninth and 10th instalments were received by 9.30 crore, 8.59 crore, 7.66 crore and 6.34 crore people, respectively.

The Ministry did not respond to *The Hindu*'s queries on why the number of beneficiaries has declined so sharply.

The data revealed that in Andhra Pradesh, the number of beneficiaries came down from 55.68 lakh to 28.2 lakh. In Bihar, the number reached seven lakh from 83 lakh, while in Chhattisgarh, just two lakh farmers received the 11th instalment, instead of 37 lakh people who got the amount in the first instalment.

In poll-bound Gujarat, 63.13 lakh farmers got the amount in 2019, but in 2022, only 28.41 lakh farmers benefited from the scheme.

Similarly in Haryana, 19.73 lakh farmers received the first instalment, but only 11.59 lakh farmers got the 11th instalment. In Maharashtra, the number came down from 1.09 crore in 2019 to 37.51 lakh in 2022.

In Madhya Pradesh, while 88.63 lakh farmers received the aid in 2019, only 12,053 received the amount in 2022. In Meghalaya, 627 farmers got it in 2022 against 1.95 lakh farmers in 2019. In Punjab, too, the number decreased to 11.31 lakh from 23.34 lakh.

In Uttar Pradesh, 2.6 crore farmers availed the aid in 2019, and it decreased by half to 1.26 crore in 2022. In West Bengal, according to the data, 45.63 lakh farmers received the amount in 2019 and no farmers got the money since the sixth instalment. The State government had raised this matter with Union Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar.

In Assam, the number of people who received the payment came down from 28.79 lakh to 2.54 lakh. In Chandigarh, just three people got the amount in May-June 2022. In Delhi, the number came down to 2,065 from 16,513.

In Himachal Pradesh too, the number came down by half from 9.86 lakh to 5.43 lakh. In Jammu and Kashmir, the beneficiaries who received the payment was 5.61 lakh from 12.07 lakh in 2019. In Jharkhand 4.17 lakh farmers got the money in May-June while in 2019, 27.07 lakh people had received the amount.

In BJP-ruled Karnataka, the number came down from 55.61 lakh to 2.58 lakh. In Kerala, 24.23 lakh beneficiaries received the payment in 2022 against 36.99 lakh in 2019.

Similarly in Odisha, 7.05 lakh farmers got the payment in 2022, while in 2019, the number was 39.2 lakh.

In Tamil Nadu, 23.04 farmers received the money in 2022 and 46.8 lakh got the amount in 2019. In Telangana, 24.32 lakh people received the payment in 2022; the first instalment was received by 39.1 lakh farmers. In Tripura too, the number has come down by half.

A wind-up coming?

All India Kisan Sabha president Ashok Dhawale termed the data "very shocking".

"Two-thirds of the farmers have not received the payment according to this data in 2022. There is no logical reason for such a decrease in the number of beneficiaries. It shows that the Centre is trying to slowly wind up this scheme. This scheme is not at all a substitute for the legally guaranteed MSP. This scheme was another *jumla* to skirt the real issues the farmers are facing," Dr. Dhawale said.

'No fraud beneficiaries'

The Ministry said no money was transferred to any fraud beneficiary under the PM-KISAN scheme, adding that the benefits had been transferred directly into bank accounts only after the receipt of 100% error-free data of farmers from States, which is validated through Aadhaar or the Public Financial Management System (PFMS) database.

The government had earlier said that so far, eligible farmer families had received benefit of more than ₹2 lakh crore under the scheme through 11 instalments.

"Of this, ₹1.6 lakh crore has been transferred during the COVID-19 pandemic period. With the 12th instalment to be released by the Prime Minister on October 17, the total amount transferred to the beneficiaries so far is expected to cross well over ₹2.16 lakh crore," a recent press release said.

Falling numbers

The table shows the number of farmers who received the first and 11th instalment funds from PM-KISAN. A look at select major States:

Figures in lakh

States	1st instalment	11th instalment	% decline
Maharashtra	109.98	37.51	65.9
Madhya Pradesh	88.63	0.12	99.9
Bihar	83.38	6.83	91.8
Gujarat	63.13	28.41	55.0
Andhra Pradesh	55.68	28.2	49.4
Tamil Nadu	46.08	23.04	50.0
Chhattisgarh	37.7	2	94.7

Tabassum, film artiste, radio star and Bollywood insider, passes away

Anuj Kumar

Tabassum, who played a big role in documenting the life and times of Hindi film stars when they preferred to safeguard their enigma from the real world, passed away in Mumbai on Friday night after a brief illness. The 78-year-old started her career as a child artiste and went on to host the iconic talk show *Phool Khile Hain Gulshan Gulshan* on Doordarshan for two decades.

Tabassum

Born to freedom fighters and journalists Ayodhyanath Sachdev and Asgari Begum in 1944, she was named Kiranbala by her mother. Tabassum was her screen name given to her by her father when she started her film career in 1947 with Famous Studios' *Nargis*. She lived up to the name and spread smiles and happiness wherever she went. Soon she became the go-to child artiste and was popularly called Baby Nargis and Baby Meena Kumari for playing the childhood roles of the leading actors in popular films such as *Deedar* and *Baiju Bawra*. A contemporary of Asha Parekh, the two worked as child artistes in Bimal Roy's *Baap Beti*.

One of the highest-paid artistes of the time, Tabassum had an immaculate Urdu diction and her ability to make people smile were noticed from a very young age. The song *Bachpan Ke Din Bhula Na Dena*, picturised on her in Dilip Kumar-Nargis starrer *Deedar* became a huge hit.

Pushed by noted radio personality Ameen Sayani, Tabassum started a show of jokes on Radio Ceylon but her real claim to fame was *Phool Khile Hain Gulshan Gulshan,* which started in 1972 when Doordarshan started producing shows in Mumbai as well. It is still remembered for the sunshine smile and easy charm of Tabassum that made most cagey of stars open up. She never heckled them nor allowed them to decide the course of interviews. Like a well-meaning, well-dressed neighbourhood aunt, she would become a true representative of a curious audience keen on breaking the celluloid barrier for a few minutes.

From Durga Khote to Deepti Naval, from Kamal Amrohi to Amitabh Bachchan, she could make difficult actors open up on subjects that they would otherwise refrain from talking about in public. Years before Simi Grewal and Karan Johar intruded into the personal lives of film personalities, Tabassum asked a guarded Amrohi how was Meena Kumari as a wife, with a dimpled smile.

No wonder, Tabassum was the inspiration when Karan Johar wanted to start a talk show. Like Karan, Tabassum was also an industry insider but she didn't limit her interviews to celebrities and was among the first ones to introduce the people who work behind to scenes.

Her interview with Reshma Pathan who was the body double of Hema Malini and Rekha brought the spotlight on stunt women.

Like many child stars of her generation, Tabassum could not get prime roles when she returned to turnstiles after a break in the mid-1960s.

Married to Vijay Govil, the elder brother of Arun Govil, she introduced Arun to the film world. She went on to produce and direct *Tum Par Hum Qurban* where she launched her son Hoshang but it went unnoticed.

Tabassum returned to her first love, wrote many joke books, and edited the popular Hindi women's magazine *Grihalaxmi* for more than 15 years. Her show *Tabassum Talkies* on YouTube continues to be a window to the golden era of Hindi cinema.

Her death is a reminder that television programming could be simple, informative, and entertaining at the same time.

Pratham gets Indira Gandhi prize for its works in education

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Former Vice-President Hamid Ansari presented the Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament and Development of 2021 to Pratham, an NGO functioning in the field of education. The award is in recognition of Pratham's work in ensuring quality education for children of the country, particularly during the pandemic.

Rukmini Banerji receiving the award. SUSHIL KUMAR VERMA

Mr. Ansari said Pratham's efforts have been globally appreciated. He said Pratham also used digital technology to deliver education so that the children could learn during the school closure amid the pandemic. In her acceptance speech, Pratham CEO Rukmini Banerji said the NGO believed in community and family participation in the growth of a child. "Many of the things we have learnt are learned from children and the community on the ground," she said.

In her address, Sonia Gandhi, Chairperson of the Indira Gandhi Memorial Trust, said Indira Gandhi had left an indelible imprint on the country. "Even her critics recognise that there was an unchanging core to her personality, that defined who she was and what she did," Ms. Gandhi said.

Showering her praise on Pratham, she added, "It has achieved much in making school education more meaningful and impactful... It has brought a new thinking not only in pedagogy but also in monitoring and evaluating as an aid, to improve learning outcomes."

Soon, google 3 million technical terms in mother tongue

Sreeparna Chakrabarty
NEW DELHI

Close to three million scientific and technical terms in all modern Indian languages will soon be searchable via Google, enabling teachers, writers and translators as well as students to access such terminology when they need it in the course of their work.

Technical terms from disciplines such as linguistics, public policy, finance, agriculture and engineering will also be available on the website shabd.education.gov.nic and will be launched as an app, too. The domain for the website has been registered and is expected to become operational before the start of the next academic session.

The National Education Policy (NEP) advocates teaching in the mother tongue and local languages as far as possible. The NEP says that the promotion of Indian languages will be integrated into school and higher education at every level. In order to help students learn these languages, the availability of quality learning materials in the form of workbooks, textbooks, videos, plays and novels is required. Moreover, the languages should have consistent updates of their vocabulary in the dictionary, so that students have access to the latest topics and issues.

The project is an initiative of the Commission for Scientific and Technical Terminology (CSTT) under the Ministry of Education.

"As of now, we are working on 22 official languages, but the ambit will be widened to include other Indian languages as well," Professor Giri Nath Jha, Chairperson, CSTT, said.

The website is expected to become operational before the start of the next academic session

Explaining that the digitisation mandate was vast as it included technical terms in the sciences, finance, medicine, linguistics and so on in Hindi and all modern Indian languages, Professor Jha said the website would provide a standardised vocabulary for reference which can be easily accessed on the internet. "The aim is to create an official vocabulary in Indian languages that can be accessible to all through a simple Google search," he said.

Different committees are working simultaneously on the project and approximately three million translated technical words will be available on the website.

Subject-based committees are focused on finding the words for their areas of expertise while language committees are collating the "standard versions". The words are being taken from dictionaries, glossaries and reference materials published by the CSTT over the years. The commission is being aided by the National Translation Mission of the Education Ministry's Department of Higher Education.

CSTT, which was set up in 1961, publishes a large number of textbooks and monographs, apart from its quarterly journals, the *Vigyan Garima Sindhu* and *Gyan Garima Sindhu*. It undertakes the publication of administrative and departmental glossaries that are used by government departments, institutions, and research laboratories, autonomous organisations and public sector undertakings, besides organising workshops to popularise standard technical terminology in Hindi and other Indian languages.

SEOUL

Kim oversees North Korean ICBM launch with his daughter in tow

North Korean leader Kim Jong-un oversaw a test of Pyongyang's newest intercontinental ballistic missile with his daughter in tow for the first time. Mr. Kim supervised the launch on Friday of the black-and-white missile, which the official Korean Central News Agency (KCNA) said was the Hwasong-17. REUTERS

BANGKOK

Taiwan's APEC representative meet Xi Jinping and Kamala Harris

Press Conference with Dr. Morris Chang
Leader's Representative for Chinese Taipei
2022 APEC Economic Leaders' Meeting
張領袖代表記者會

Taiwan's representative to the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) said on Saturday that he had a brief but "happy" chat with Chinese President Xi Jinping at the meeting in Bangkok, a rare high-level interaction, and also discussed semiconductors with U.S. Vice President Kamala Harris. REUTERS

TAIPEI

Symbol of reunion with China, panda Tuan Tuan dies in Taipei

Tuan Tuan, one of two giant pandas gifted to Taiwan from China, died on Saturday after a brief illness. Tuan Tuan and his mate, Yuan Yuan, were gifted to the zoo in 2008 during a time of warming relations between China and Taiwan. Both were born in China in 2004 and succeeded in having a pair of cubs in Taiwan. AP

WARSAW

Funeral held for first of the two Polish men killed in missile blast

A funeral was held on Saturday for one of two Polish men who died in a missile explosion near the border with Ukraine, deaths that the West attributed to a Ukrainian air defence missile that went astray. The two died on Tuesday as Ukraine was defending itself against Russian missiles directed at Ukraine's power infrastructure. REUTERS

'No one's backyard': Xi sends message to U.S. on Asia trip

China's President pushes for deepening of the country's already considerable economic links in the region, calling for 'the early realisation' of the Free Trade Area of the Asia-Pacific

Ananth Krishnan
BEIJING

Chinese President Xi Jinping ended his week-long trip through Asia, his first overseas visit in his third-term, warning against "decoupling" and countries treating Asia as their "backyard" in thinly-veiled messages aimed at the United States.

Mr. Xi, who began his trip with a meeting with U.S President Joe Biden on Monday, November 14, 2022, in Bali ahead of the G-20 Summit, ended his visit in Bangkok with a flurry of bilateral meetings on the sidelines of the APEC summit, all aimed at shoring up China's relations in the region and pushing back against the U.S.

Meeting with Philippines President Ferdinand Marcos Jr., Mr. Xi called on both countries to "work together to reject unilateralism and acts of bullying, defend fairness and justice, and safeguard peace and stability in the region."

A similar message followed his meeting with Singapore Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong. "China will work with Singapore," the Chinese Foreign Ministry quoted Mr. Xi as saying, "to uphold solidarity and cooperation in the region, oppose group politics, resist bloc confrontation, keep to the right direction of economic and regional integration, and firmly reject the attempts to push for 'decoupling and severing supply chains', or to build 'a small yard with high fences'."

Pacifying bid: U.S. Vice President Kamala Harris with Xi Jinping before the APEC Leaders' Retreat in Bangkok on Saturday. REUTERS

That was also the message stressed by Mr. Xi in two speeches to the APEC meet in Bangkok. "The Asia-Pacific is no one's backyard and should not become an arena for big power contest. No attempt to wage a new cold war will ever be allowed by the people or by the times," he told a CEO summit. The Chinese leader added at the APEC meet that "no one should interfere in other countries' internal affairs," without naming any country. "Everyone should respect the development path and social system chosen independently by the people of each country," he said. "We should take an active part in global governance and make the international order more just and reasonable to ensure peace and stability in the Asia-Pacific region and beyond."

Belt and Road Forum

Mr. Xi has pushed for a deepening of China's already considerable economic links in the region, calling for "the early realisation" of the Free Trade Area of the Asia-Pacific and for the "the full and high-quality implementation of the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) deal". Mr. Xi announced in Bangkok that Beijing would next year host its third Belt and Road Forum after a three-year hiatus. In Bali, Mr. Xi and Indonesian President Joko Widodo jointly launched an operational trial of the China-built Jakarta-Bandung bullet train - the first in Southeast Asia and a flagship BRI project in Indonesia - in their meeting after the G-20 summit.

The spurt in diplomatic engagement at the start of Mr. Xi's third-term, which began last month after the Party Congress, also saw a first meeting between the leaders of China and Japan in three years. The readouts from both sides, as with the Xi-Biden talks, suggested an attempt to better manage a long list of differences.

"This was a good start for creating a constructive and stable Japan-China relationship as well as for pushing along dialogue," Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida told reporters, adding he had raised Japanese concerns including on Chinese military activities near disputed East China Sea islands.

Mr. Xi, for his part, told the Japanese leader both sides "need to view each other's development in an objective and rational manner", deepen complementarity of their "highly interdependent economies", as well as "uphold strategic autonomy".

Sunak visits Kyiv, promises U.K. support 'until Ukraine has won'

Agence France-Presse
KYIV

British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak on Saturday vowed his country would stand by Kyiv's side "until Ukraine has won" during a visit to the Ukrainian capital.

"I am here today to say that the U.K. will continue to stand with you... until Ukraine has won the peace and security it needs and deserves," Mr. Sunak said in a press conference with President Volodymyr Zelensky in Kyiv.

The British leader announced a new air defence package worth £50 million ($60 million), according to a Downing Street statement.

The package includes "120 aircraft guns, radar and anti-drone equipment", Mr. Sunak said.

Bolstering ties: British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak with Volodymyr Zelensky during a visit to Kyiv on Saturday. REUTERS

Ukraine has asked for more air defence systems as Russia is pummelling its energy infrastructure.

This was the first visit to Kyiv for the new British leader, whose country has been a steadfast ally since the beginning of the offensive in February.

"It is deeply humbling to be with you in your country today. The courage of the Ukrainian people is an inspiration to the world," Mr. Sunak said.

"In years to come we'll tell our grandchildren of your story, how proud and sovereign people stood up in the face of an appalling onslaught, how you fought, how you sacrificed, how you prevailed," Mr. Sunak added.

Mr. Zelensky praised a "meaningful and useful visit for both our countries" during the joint press conference. He said they discussed "the possibilities of protecting European and Ukrainian energy security" and "our capabilities in protecting the Ukrainian sky, as well as defence cooperation in general".

On Twitter, Mr. Zelensky said "with friends like you by our side, we are confident in our victory".

Anwar running neck and neck with rival bloc led by ex-PM in Malaysia polls

Agence France-Presse
KUALA LUMPUR

The coalition of Malaysia's Opposition leader Anwar Ibrahim was running neck and neck with a rival bloc led by a former Prime Minister in a tight election race, vote counts showed on early Sunday.

Analysts have warned that the multi-racial country could face further political instability if no group emerges with a clear majority after Saturday's polls and frenzied horse-trading talks ensue.

One of the biggest casualties so far is former Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad, 97, who was roundly defeated in his constituency.

Mr. Anwar campaigned on a promise to fight corruption in Southeast Asia's third-largest economy, where people are struggling with soaring food prices, and where the graft-tainted party of jailed ex-Prime Minister Najib Razak had been hoping to cement its grip on power.

New dawn: A Malaysian voter on wheel chair casts her ballot at a polling station in Kuala Lumpur on Saturday. AP

But official results from the election commission so far showed Mr. Anwar's Pakatan Harapan (Alliance of Hope) coalition in a tight race with Perikatan Nasional (National Alliance) of ex-premier Muhyiddin Yassin.

The ruling Barisan Nasional bloc dominated by Mr. Najib's United Malays National Organisation (UNMO) was trailing behind.

Voter turnout was high at 70% two hours before polling closed.

Mr. Najib's UMNO usually dominates Malaysian politics, but it suffered a humiliating defeat in the 2018 general election after a massive corruption scandal at state fund 1MDB. The former Prime Minister is currently serving a 12-year jail term.

Because of infighting in the two successive governments since 2018, UMNO crept back into power last year despite corruption allegations, and is seeking a stronger mandate from the election – called 10 months ahead of schedule.

Holmes gets prison term of more than eleven years

Reuters
SAN JOSE

A federal judge in the U.S. on Friday sentenced Theranos founder Elizabeth Holmes to 11 years and three months in prison for defrauding investors in her now-defunct blood-testing startup that was once valued at $9 billion.

The judge sentenced Holmes, 38, on three counts of investor fraud and one count of conspiracy after a jury convicted her last January following a three-month long trial.

Prosecutors said that Holmes misrepresented Theranos' technology and finances, including by claiming that its miniaturized blood testing machine was able to run an array of tests from a few drops of blood. The company secretly relied on conventional machines from other companies to run patients' tests, they said.

Theranos collapsed after a series of *Wall Street Journal* articles in 2015 questioned its technology.

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No.:- SE/Sikar/2022/D-3171 Date:- 01.11.2022
Notice Inviting Bid No. 22/2022-23
Bids for 2 (Two Nos) Road Work are invited from interested bidders upto 06:00 PM dated 02.11.2022 to 22.11.2022. Other particulars of the bid may be visited on the procurement portel (http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, http://sppp.raj.nic.in) of the state; and PWD departmental website. The approximate value of the procurement is Rs. 452.92 Lac.
NIB NO. PWD2223A2577
UBN NO. PWD2223WSOB10178, PWD2223WSOB10179
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PWD Circle Sikar
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कार्यालय अधिशाषी अभियन्ता सार्वजनिक निर्माण विभाग खण्ड सूरतगढ़
दूरभाष : 01509-220069 ई-मेल : xensog.pwd@rajasthan.gov.in
क्रमांक :- 2621 दिनांक :- 09.11.2022
ई-निविदा सूचना संख्या 11 वर्ष 2022-23
NIB Code : PWD2223A2678 (सड़क निर्माण एवं मरम्मत कार्य)
Bid for 04 Nos. Packages of road works in PWD Division Suratgarh are invited from interested bidders from dated 11.11.2022 to 30.11.2022 upto 06:00 PM. Other particulars of the bid may be visited on the procurement portal '(http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, http://sppp.raj.nic.in) of the state and departmental website. The approximate value of the procurement is Rs. 957.58 Lakhs.
1. PWD2223WSOB10569, 2. PWD2223WSOB10570
3. PWD2223WSOB10571, 4. PWD2223WSOB10572
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सानिवि खण्ड सूरतगढ़
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SOUTHERN RAILWAY
Construction Organisation, Ernakulam Jn
TENDER NOTICE No: 19-CE-CN-ERS-2022 (OT) DATED : 07.11.2022
Name of Work: Proposed elimination of existing causeway
Tender Value: Rs. 239.83 lakhs
Bid Security: Rs. 13,49,100/-
Completion Period: 12 Months
Date and Time of Tender Closing: 02.12.2022
Complete details and tender document will be available at https://www.ireps.gov.in
Chief Engineer / Construction
Ernakulam JN
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JAIPUR DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
Indira Circle, Jawahar Lal Nehru Marg, Jaipur-302004
No : JDA/EE&TA to Dir.Engg.-II/2022-23/D-130 Dated : 18.11.2022
NOTICE INVITING BID
NIB No. : EE & TA to Dir.Engg.-II/34/2022-23
Bids are invited for works given below in various zones as per details given below :-

S. No.	Zone	UBN No.	Cost of Work (Lacs)	A&F	Nature of Work	Last Date
1.	EE-9	JDA2223WSOB00474	473.00	261/ 2022-23	Strengthening and Renewal of 160 Ft. Road	11.12.2022

Details are available at Procurement Portal website www.sppp.rajasthan.gov.in, www.eproc.rajasthan.gov.in and www.jda.urban.rajasthan.gov.in.
Raj. Samwad/C/2022-23/10642
Executive Engineer & TA to Dir.Engg-II

SOUTHERN RAILWAY
TENDER NOTICE
Senior Divisional Materials Manager, Southern Railway, Salem-636005 for and on behalf of the President of India invites E-Tenders for the following service bid published through Government e-Market place (GeM) portal:

S No	Description	Description
1.	Tender Notice Number and date	GEM/2022/B/2747957 Dated 17.11.2022
2	Name of work	SECURITY MAN POWER SERVICE – ENGAGEMENT OF EX-SERVICEMEN AS RAILWAY LC GATE KEEPER
3	Estimate Value	Rs. 1,89,50,838/-
4	Tender Closing date and Time	14.12.2022 at 11.00 Hrs
5	Tender Opening date and Time	14.12.2022 at 11.30 Hrs
6	Web address	https://www.gem.gov.in

The firms registered in GeM Portal are only eligible to participate in this bid. Complete details of the above tenders are given on the GeM portal "www.gem.gov.in". For Details of bid submission, please refer website portal "www.gem.gov.in".
Senior Divisional Materials Manager,
Southern Railway Salem – 636 005
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क्रमांक:- 2031-2053 दिनांक : 10.11.2022
निविदा सूचना संख्या : 13 वर्ष 2022-2023
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U.S. scientists find new oral drug for lowering cholesterol

Press Trust of India

Scientists have identified an orally administered drug which they found lowers cholesterol in animal models by 70%.

The research, published in the journal *Cell Reports*, represents a previously unrecognised strategy for managing cholesterol and may also impact cancer treatments.

After statins, the next leading class of medications for managing cholesterol are PCSK9 inhibitors, the researchers said.

These highly effective agents help the body pull excess cholesterol from the blood, but unlike statins, which are available as oral agents, PCSK9 inhibitors can only be administered as shots, creating barriers to their use, they said.

In the latest study, researchers at the University Hospitals (UH) and Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine, U.S., developed an orally administered small-molecule drug that reduces PCSK9 levels.

Prolonging life

"Cholesterol lowering is one of the most important therapies we have to prolong life and protect people from heart disease, which is still the number one cause of morbidity and mortality in the Western world," said senior author Jonathan S. Stamler, Professor at UH and Case Western Reserve School of Medicine.

"Statins only lower cholesterol so far. This is a drug class that we think would represent a new way to lower cholesterol, a new way to hit PCSK9," he said.

The researchers noted that central to cholesterol regulation are LDL receptors, which sit at the surface of liver cells and remove cholesterol from the blood, thereby lowering serum levels.

LDL receptors

PCSK9 in the bloodstream controls the number of LDL receptors by marking them for degradation. Therefore, agents that inhibit PCSK9 increase the number of LDL receptors that remove cholesterol.

Nitric oxide can prevent heart attacks by dilating blood vessels, the researchers said.

In the new study, researchers show that nitric oxide can also target and inhibit PCSK9, thus lowering cholesterol. They identified a small molecule drug that functions to increase nitric oxide inactivation of PCSK9.

"PCSK9 not only targets LDL receptors for degradation, it mediates the degradation of MHC 1 on lymphocytes, which is used for recognition of cancer cells," Prof. Stamler said.

Hypertension: a ticking time bomb in Indian adolescents

High blood pressure is occurring in one in three or four children, and this is much higher than earlier estimates of about 7%; elevated blood pressure is more prevalent in poorer than the richest category

Anura Kurpad
Harshpal Singh Sachdev

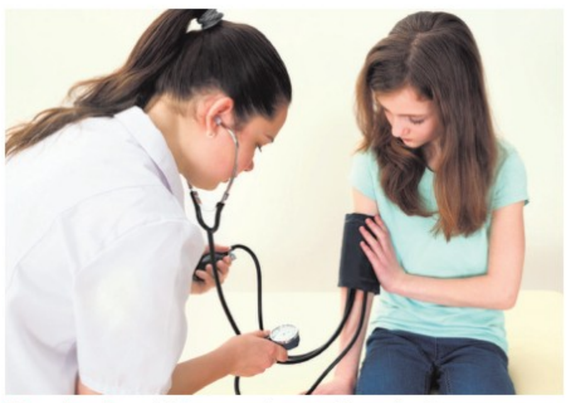
High blood pressure is already a problem of great magnitude in India. The Indian National Health Portal reports that 30% of adult Indians have elevated blood pressure – a little higher in urban (34%) compared with rural (28%) areas. High blood pressure is relatively silent, with grave consequences, as it is a major cause of cardiovascular diseases, including stroke. The best way forward is prevention, especially starting in childhood.

Our paper (with Anil Vasudevan as the first author) published recently in *JAMA Network Open* reports that Indian adolescents aged between 10-12 years have hypertension prevalence of 35%, while in those above 13 years, the prevalence is 25%. This is roughly the same in urban and rural areas; for younger children, the prevalence is even higher than in adults.

Greater prevalence of hypertension in adolescents

35% of children aged 10-12 years and 25% of children above 13 years have hypertension

- As per the Indian National Health Portal data, 30% of adults have elevated blood pressure — 35% in urban areas and 28% in rural areas
- The study dispels the notion that hypertension is associated with affluence and will not occur in undernourished children
- The study found elevated blood pressure is more prevalent in poorer than the richest category. It also occurs with similar frequency in rural and urban areas
- High blood pressure prevalence in younger stunted adolescents is 40% compared with 34% in those not stunted
- Hypertension prevalence in thin/underweight adolescents is also high — 32% in younger and 22% in older adolescents
- Higher prevalence of high blood pressure in rural areas may be due to rapid urbanisation — a lower level of physical activity
- Chhattisgarh, Odisha, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Manipur, Mizoram, Tripura, and Nagaland have higher hypertension prevalence (over 35%) compared with the rest of India



Worrying signs: Higher prevalence of hypertension among Indian children aged over 10 years bodes ill for the next generation of adults

More prevalent

Effectively, high blood pressure is occurring in one in three or four children, and this is much higher than earlier estimates of about 7%. Even factoring for the somewhat higher estimates derived from a single survey, there is enough signal that hypertension in adolescents is much more widely prevalent than previously thought and bodes ill for the next generation of adults.

The figures are robust and believable, coming as they do from a national survey called the Comprehensive National Nutrition Survey (CNNS), which used a statistically appropriate method to sample adolescents without illnesses, aged 10-19 years, across all States and Union Territories.

Blood pressure was measured rigorously, and high blood pressure was defined based on the mean of second and third readings as per the 2017 American Academy of Pediatrics cut-offs, as height-adjusted blood pressure above the 95th percentile below 13 years and greater than 130/80 mm Hg in older adolescents.

Hypertension is often clustered with other cardio-metabolic risk factors including overweight and obesity. Adolescents with high fasting blood glucose, hemoglobin A1c, serum triglyceride and LDL cholesterol levels also have a greater risk of high blood pressure.

But there is also a deeply unsettling and counter-intuitive pattern of the occurrence of hypertension in Indian children. The notion that this is associated with affluence, which will not occur in undernourished children stands firmly dispelled. In fact, elevated blood pressure is more prevalent in poorer than the richest category and occurs with similar frequency in rural and urban areas. Its prevalence in younger stunted adolescents is as high as 40% compared with 34% in those not stunted.

The prevalence in thin/underweight adolescents is also high (32% in younger and 22% in older adolescents). We now need to come to terms with the combined presence of diseases of overnutrition in undernourished adolescents, or the intra-individual of double burden of malnutrition.

Rapid urbanisation

So, why is this happening in Indian children, and why is this happening across the board, even in undernourished adolescents, in rural areas, and among the poor? Higher prevalence of high blood pressure in rural areas may be attributable to rapid urbanisation, resulting in altered dietary habits, more screen time and a lower level of habitual physical activity. One causative factor that is relevant in India today is the explosion of ready-to-eat (ultra) processed foods and snacks, which depend on a high salt and sugar content.

These have penetrated rural areas and schools deeply. Chhattisgarh, Odisha, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Manipur, Mizoram, Tripura, and Nagaland have higher hypertension prevalence (over 35%) compared with the rest of India. Data from the NSSO survey of 2011-12 show that the highest salt-consuming regions are these States, with a per-capita intake of over 9 grams/day, while the median intake for India is about 8 grams/day.

There is a need now to think ahead: a need to screen and identify adolescents with hypertension; preventive interventions to control the burden of hypertension and its consequences in India; and a need to assess high blood pressure at even younger ages. This is important as many people with hypertension, particularly in India, are not aware of their disease and the detection, treatment, and control of it should be an urgent health priority.

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Climate change drives dengue spread in France

R. Prasad

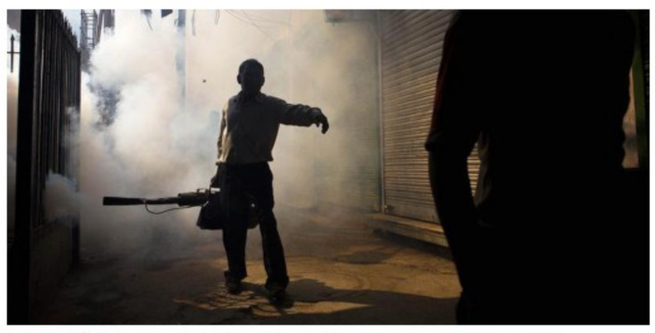
Each year, nearly 100 million dengue cases and about 10,000 deaths are reported from over 125 countries, and about half the global population are in countries that provide suitable environmental conditions for dengue spread. With climate change, dengue-endemic countries will see increased dengue cases through "faster viral amplification, and increased vector survival, reproduction and biting rates".

This will lead to longer periods of spread and hence, more cases of dengue, as per a 2019 paper in *Nature Microbiology*. Increased temperature due to climate change will also allow the vector and virus to spread to countries that are currently free of dengue.

By October 21, France had already recorded 65 dengue cases of local origin from nine transmission events, the highest since 2006 when surveillance for dengue began. And for the first time in Europe, one event causing 34 cases on a single day was recorded in France on October 21, 2022. In comparison, in 2020, France witnessed 14 cases from six transmission events followed by nine cases from two events in 2019 and eight cases from three transmission events in 2018.

Besides the locally transmitted cases, there have been 217 imported cases during the period between May 1 and October 21 this year.

The U.S. too reported one locally transmitted case of dengue this year in Arizona. Meanwhile, Vietnam and the Philippines reported over 3,00,000 cases (as on November 15) and over 1,70,000 cases (as on October 1), respectively. Unlike in the case of the tropical countries where *Aedes aegypti* is the vector, *Aedes albopictus* is the vector responsible for virus spread in France. Unlike *Aedes albopictus*, the reason why *Aedes aegypti* mosquito is not the vector that spreads the virus in Europe is due to its eggs' inability to survive the cold winter of Europe.



Huge spike: France reported 65 dengue cases of local origin as of October 21, 2022. AFP

Aedes-borne virus transmission locally is expected in southern France due to colonisation of *A. albopictus*. Yet, the epidemiological situation of dengue this year is considered "exceptional" as the number of events and the total number of locally transmitted cases far exceed those seen in the period 2010 to 2021, as per a report in *Eurosurveillance*. Especially since *Aedes albopictus* is considered to be a less efficient transmitter of dengue virus. The serotype 3 (DENV-3) has been identified for the first time this year in France.

"The drivers of arbovirus transmission are mainly influenced by the interactions between vector populations, virus strains and the global environment. Environmental conditions thus have a major impact on the efficiency of the vector system as well as on vector density and host-vector contacts," notes the report in *Eurosurveillance*.

"Southern France and Mediterranean have been at risk of dengue since the early 2000s when the Asian tiger mosquito (*Aedes albopictus*) arrived, then spread through Europe. The dengue season in Europe is only increasing each year with climate change," Dr. Oliver Brady, Associate Professor, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine writes in the institute's report.

"The experience of Southern France shows that European countries are not immune from dengue and, like all other countries, may struggle to contain dengue," Dr. Brady added.

In a tweet, virologist Dr. Angela Rasmussen from the University of Saskatchewan, Canada said: "We've been watching the slow creep northward of dengue around the world. Just another example of how the geography of infectious disease is not fixed. As climate change and land use disrupts ecology and viruses get more opportunity to spread... they will spread."

SNAPSHOTS

Largest ever marine turtle fossil discovered in Spain

A new species of ancient turtle discovered in the Cal Torrades locality, Northeastern Spain may have been one of the largest marine turtles to have ever lived, suggests a new study (*Scientific Reports*). With an estimated body length of up to 3.74 metres, it represents the largest marine turtle to have been found in Europe to date. The remains, which were excavated (2016-2021) consist of a fragmented but almost complete pelvis and parts of the upper shell, and between 83.6 to 72.1 MYA.

Carbonaceous meteorites delivered water to early Mars

Scientists have estimated that the bombardment of Mars by water- and carbon-rich chondrite meteorites from the outer Solar System delivered a large volume of water to the crust of the planet early in its history. Using a measure called a global equivalent layer (GEL), the findings (*Science Advances*) indicate that if all the water from the chondrites was in liquid form, resting on the planet's surface and not tied up within the crust or polar ice, it would equate to a global ocean roughly 300 metres deep.

Wreckage of Challenger shuttle found off Florida coast

NASA has confirmed the discovery of large wreckage from the space shuttle Challenger at the bottom of the Atlantic Ocean, off the coast of Florida in the United States. The shuttle broke up soon after taking off in January 1986 because of erosion in the seals in the solid rocket booster. All seven astronauts on board were killed. Divers looking for a plane from the Second World War as part of a TV documentary spotted the debris, and NASA verified it through video footage.

Question Corner

Lifespan of bees

Is the lifespan of honey bees becoming shorter?

A new study by entomologists shows that the lifespan for individual honey bees kept in a controlled, laboratory environment is 50% shorter than it was in the 1970s (*Scientific Reports*). As the first study to show an overall decline in honey bee lifespan potentially independent of environmental stressors, this work hints that genetics may be influencing the broader trends of higher colony turnover rates seen in the beekeeping industry, as per a University of Maryland release. Colony turnover is an accepted factor in the beekeeping business, as bee colonies naturally age and die off. But over the past decade, U.S. beekeepers have reported high loss rates. Although a laboratory environment is very different from a colony, historical records of lab-kept bees suggest a similar lifespan to colony bees, and scientists generally assume that isolated factors that reduce lifespan in one environment will also reduce it in another. This is the first study to connect those factors to colony turnover rates.

Readers may send their questions / answers to questioncorner@thehindu.co.in

Why is Japan increasing its defence budget?

Are the Russia-Ukraine war and rising tensions between the U.S. and China over Taiwan responsible?

Stanly Johny

The story so far:

For decades, Japan has maintained a low profile on defence spending and remained dependent on its allies, mainly the U.S., for security guarantees. That has started changing with the ruling Liberal Democratic Party's (LDP) proposal of doubling the country's defence budget to 2% of the GDP in five years, in line with NATO members. If Japan, whose post-War, U.S.-drafted Pacifist Constitution, achieves more military capabilities, it could further alter the balance of power of East Asia.

What does Japan's Constitution say?

Article 9 of Japan's Constitution states that the Japanese people forever renounce war as a sovereign right of the nation and the threat and use of force as a means of settling international disputes. It also states that the country would never sustain land, sea and air forces with war potential. The Constitution was introduced when Japan was occupied by U.S. forces, but for decades, Japan's different political sections backed pacifism. Instead of a regular army, the country maintained Japan Self Defence Forces, with offensive weapons such as intercontinental ballistic missiles and nuclear arms strictly banned. But with China's rise in its neighbourhood, the nationalist sections within the ruling party, mainly under the leadership of the late former Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, started pushing for more muscular, nationalist foreign and security policies.

> The question facing Japan's policymakers is this: In a highly securitised neighbourhood where there are three nuclear powers, are security guarantees from the U.S. enough to deter external threats?

In 2014, Japan's government reinterpreted Article 9 and gave more powers to the forces – they can now come to the defence of allies if they were attacked. The Diet, Japan's Parliament, later passed a series of legislation codifying the reinterpretation. Now, the LDP, under Prime Minister Fumio Kishida, is pushing for increased spending on research and defence production.

What is the LDP's proposal?

For the fiscal year 2023, the government has already raised the defence budget to its highest level – six trillion yen ($43 billion) or more than 1% of the world's third largest GDP. The LDP wants this to be doubled in five years as the geopolitical and regional risks the country is facing are rising. The Ministry of Defence is now planning to achieve "counter-attack capability". As part of the proposals, Japan will begin mass producing surface-to-ship missiles, a domestically-developed cruise missile with a range of over 1,000 km (which can hit both China and North Korea, even though it's not clear what Japanese law says about hitting targets inside another country) and high speed glide missiles. Japan plans to deploy these weapons in 2026. The budget has allocated research and development funds for hypersonic guided missiles, which are five times faster than the speed of sound. Japan is also developing a new fighter jet – F-X. Mitsubishi Heavy Industries is designing the jet on which Japan has already spent more than 200 billion yen.

What triggered the change in policy?

The rapid rise of China and growing militarisation of North Korea were already strengthening the nationalist sections within Japan. Japan, which had occupied the whole of the Korean Peninsula and parts of China before the Second World War and had committed unspeakable crimes in its colonies, still has a testy relationship with China and the two Koreas. Recently, a missile North Korea launched flew over Japan and an ICBM fell near its territorial waters. In August, China carried out days-long live military drills around Taiwan, the self-ruled island internationally recognised as part of China that lies just 160 km west of Japan's southern islands. Besides China and North Korea, Russia's invasion of Ukraine also seems to have influenced Japan's thinking. Japan and Russia, which fought a disastrous war in 1904-05, have disputes over the ownership of the Kuril Islands that separate the Sea of Okhotsk from the Pacific Ocean. From Japan's point of view, western military guarantees to Ukraine did not stop Russia from invading its neighbouring country. The obvious question Japan's policymakers face is whether the security guarantees from the U.S. is enough to deter threats from a highly securitised neighbourhood where there are three nuclear powers–China, North Korea and Russia. This calculus seems to have quickened the push for remilitarism in Japan's security thinking. In the past, any bid to move away from pacifism would attract public criticism, but the changing regional situation is altering Japan's domestic political mood as well. A recent poll suggested that more than half of the Japanese public support raising the defence budget.

Making sense of the U.S. mid-term polls

What were the main issues that helped Democrats retain control of the Senate and Republicans take back the House of Representatives? How did the election-deniers fare? Did the ruling on abortion influence voters? What lies ahead?

Narayan Lakshman

The story so far:

The U.S. midterm elections held on November 8, which included contests for a wide range of positions in both houses of Congress and numerous state-level political offices, witnessed Democrats retaining control of the Senate and Republicans narrowly taking back the House of Representatives. This leaves the seat of the U.S. federal government more divided than it was before the election, requiring the White House of President Joe Biden to seek policy compromises with Republican Congressmen. Without such bipartisan bridge-building, it may be nearly impossible to get critical legislation passed and surmount the serious economic, public health and diplomatic challenges that the Biden administration faces. Failure by Democrats to reach across the aisle could jeopardise the prospects of the 46th president to leave behind a robust legacy on issues such as immigration, reproductive rights, and criminal justice reform.

Was there a 'red wave'?

Earlier this year, voter surveys hinted at the strong possibility of a "red wave" favouring Republicans in Congressional and state-level races, which would have potentially catapulted conservatives into power amidst deep disenchantment with the performance of Democrats in office, including the White House and Capitol Hill. After all, U.S. mid-term elections have traditionally served as a referendum on the sitting President, and Mr. Biden's job approval ratings have been one of the lowest on record at under 40%, according to recent polls. However, several developments appeared to militate against this early trend and no such wave occurred.

> While Democrats hold the Senate, at the lower house, Republicans will be free to launch probes into a wide range of policy issues

Critical race: Democrat Senator-elect John Fetterman speaking at a rally campaign in Pennsylvania on November 6. AFP

How much did the legacy of the Trump administration matter?

The bipartisan Congressional committee looking into the deadly January 6, 2021, attack by a mob on the Capitol buildings painted a disturbing picture of the role of former President Donald Trump and his allies in attempting to overturn the results of the 2020 presidential election by instigating violence and fuelling the politics of hate. For example, the committee established from witness accounts and video evidence that Mr. Trump had stood back and refused to intervene, even as the rioting got out of control and far-right groups unleashed organised violence at the site of the Capitol, resulting in the deaths of several officials, property damage, and an unprecedented security threat to members of Congress in the building. The broader context of hate politics in the backdrop of this unsavoury episode was also highlighted during the committee's deliberations, especially the vicious election campaign of Mr. Trump and his acolytes. It comprised of denigrating minorities and women and included a targeted misinformation campaign against the election results claiming falsely that the election had been "stolen" through ballot voting, which was necessitated by the prevailing conditions of the COVID-19 pandemic. There is a good chance that the sheer polarising potential of this rhetoric played on the minds of some voters, especially independent and undecided voters, dampening enthusiasm for election-denier candidates. For example, in swing states, candidates who cast aspersions on the validity of the 2020 election lost resoundingly, with a few exceptions: in the 13 races in six battleground states where an election denier was on the ballot for governor, secretary of state or attorney general, 12 lost, according to election reports.

Did the 2022 abortion ruling affect voter preferences?

A second major political development that may have ended up favouring Democrats was the June decision by the U.S. Supreme Court to overrule women's constitutional right to abortion as enshrined in the ruling of the 1973 *Roe vs Wade* case. Republican triumphalism, which came on the back of Mr. Trump nominating three Supreme Court justices and tipping the balance of the apex body 6-3 towards conservatives, proved to be short-lived, as numerous states such as Kentucky pushed back against the abortion ban and liberal voters across the board were galvanised and mobilised in force earlier this month. In some recent surveys, including AP/VoteCast, 70% of respondents said the abortion ruling was "an important factor" in their voting decision, approximately 60% said they were "angry or dissatisfied" by it, and nearly 60% said they favoured a law "guaranteeing access to legal abortion nationwide."

What is the post-election scenario?

The Senate, which was poised on a 50-50 razor's edge seat distribution, tipped towards the Democrats. Key to that mid-term election outcome was the defeat in the Pennsylvania Senate race of the Trump-endorsed candidate Mehmet Oz to Democrat John Fetterman, giving Democrats 50 clear seats to Republicans' 49. One state, Georgia, will hold a runoff election on December 6 to decide the winner, and Vice-President Kamala Harris holds a tie-breaking vote, which puts Democrats in a slightly improved position for the 118th Congress that will kick off on January 3, 2023. The House of Representatives flipped from Democrat to Republican in the 2022 mid-term election. While Republicans have already crossed the majority mark of 218 in the 435-seat House, they nevertheless must reckon with the grim reality of having a narrow margin of victory, possibly close to the 221-212 margin that they had in 2001, including support from independents.

What will be the consequences of the new balance of power in Congress?

On the one hand, Democrats are no doubt breathing a sigh of relief over holding the Senate, for this implies that important aspects of policy including the nomination of judges to various courts can proceed unimpeded, sans Republican obstructionism in the Upper House. It may help them forget the bitter memory of the scenario under the Obama administration in 2016, when erstwhile Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell refused to conduct a vote on the White House's Supreme Court nominee, Merrick Garland. Their grip on the Senate also implies that Democrats can comfortably reject bills passed by the House and set their own agenda to counter the narrative of the House, which will doubtless have the Biden administration in its crosshairs.

The situation at the House will likely be the mirror image of this: Republicans will be free to launch probes into a wide range of policy issues, including the business dealings of Mr. Biden's son, Hunter; border policies with a view to stem the flow of undocumented workers and stopping immigrants from "stealing American jobs"; the recent FBI search of Mr. Trump's residence at Mar-a-Lago, Florida, for classified documents; and the bureaucratic decision-making behind COVID-related school closures and vaccine mandates.

What is India's future strategy on emissions?

Is the use of nuclear power and hydrogen critical for India to transition to a carbon neutral economy? Besides the use of electric vehicles, what are some of the other plans on the anvil to help the country achieve net zero by 2070?

Jacob Koshy

The story so far:

The Climate Change Conference (COP-27) at Sharm el-Sheikh was to end on Friday but the deadline was extended to the weekend because there were divisions among member countries on the final text of the agreement. While India unveiled its much-awaited Long-Term Low Emission Development Strategy during COP-27, several outstanding issues remain.

What has India committed on carbon neutrality?

The Paris Agreement of 2015 required countries to submit a plan demonstrating how they would switch their economies from being reliant on fossil fuel to clean energy sources. This was to include measures to be taken to keep temperatures from rising beyond 2°C, and preferably keep it at 1.5°C by the end of the century and becoming carbon neutral or achieving net zero. India has committed to being net zero by 2070. The deadline to make a commitment was 2020 but the pandemic meant deadlines were extended. India is now in a group of about 60 countries – the Paris Agreement has over 190 signatories – to have submitted a strategy document to the UN.

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High stakes: Youth activists protest at the COP27 on November 19. AP

What are the elements of India's low emissions strategy?

The 100-page document that lays out India's strategy underlines the use of nuclear power and hydrogen as critical to transition India into a carbon-neutral economy.

Environment minister Bhupender Yadav said the Long-Term Low-Carbon Development Strategy, as India refers to it, underlines India's right to an equitable and fair share of the global carbon budget. The remaining budget for a 50% likelihood to limit global warming to 1.5°C, 1.7°C and 2°C is 380 $GtCO_2$ (nine years at 2022 emissions levels), 730 $GtCO_2$ (18 years) and 1,230 $GtCO_2$ (30 years), according to an analysis by the Global Carbon Project. One gigatonne (Gt) CO_2 is a billion tonnes of carbon dioxide. "The journey to net zero is a five decade long one and India's vision is therefore evolutionary and flexible, accommodating new technological developments and developments in the global economy and international cooperation."

India's plan is to maximise the use of electric vehicles; ensure that by 2025 the percentage of ethanol blended with petrol increases to 20% from the existing 10% and making a 'strong shift' of passenger and freight vehicles to public transport. India will also focus on improving energy efficiency by the Perform, Achieve and Trade (PAT) scheme, expand the National Hydrogen Mission, increase electrification, and enhance material efficiency and recycling. The PAT scheme refers to an emissions trading scheme where industries such as aluminium, fertilizer, iron and steel, that are extremely carbon intensive, have to reduce their emissions by a fixed amount or buy energy saving certificates from firms that have exceeded reduction targets. This scheme has been on since 2012 and, according to the Ministry of Power, has so far prevented 60 million tonnes of CO_2 from being emitted.

Is the strategy different from Nationally Determined Contributions?

The NDCs, which India must periodically update, are voluntary commitments by countries to reduce emissions by a fixed number relative to a date in the past to achieve the long-term goal of climate agreements of preventing global temperature rising beyond 1.5°C or 2°C by the end of the century. Thus, India's most updated NDC commits to ensuring that half its electricity is derived from non-fossil fuel sources by 2030 and reducing the emissions intensity by 45% below 2005 levels by 2030. They are concrete targets unlike the low-carbon strategy which is qualitative and describes a pathway.

What are the sticking points?

During COP-26 in Glasgow last year, India and several other countries announced a net zero timeline. COP-27 was labelled as an "implementation" conference, in the sense that countries were determined to solve outstanding questions on climate finance. This refers to money that developed countries had committed to developing countries to help them turn their economies away from fossil fuels, build infrastructure resilient to climate shocks and access technologies to enable widespread use of renewable energy. Of nearly $100 billion annually committed in 2009, which was to have been arranged for by 2020, less than a third has come in. Much of this, and this has been pointed out by several countries including India, is in the form of loans or come with conditions that increase the economic burden on developing countries. Now there is a demand that developed countries must come up with a new target, described in negotiations as a New Collective Quantified Goal, with a clear path of delivery and a higher amount, to the tune of "trillions of dollars" to account for increased costs of energy transition. Another major issue is on the question of Loss and Damage (L&D). This is a proposal to compensate the most vulnerable countries and developing countries who are facing the brunt of climate change for the damage that has already incurred. Again a topic that has been discussed for years, this year triggered hope that a dedicated fund for L&D would come into being. The European Union was resistant to announcing a fund this year, on the grounds that it would take years to materialise and there were other options to get money flowing where it was most needed. However, there were indications that they were amenable provided that contributors to the fund include large developing economies which are significant emitters – a pointer to China.

Ron Desantis

Ron DeSantis

The conservative leader, whose rise was quickened by Donald Trump's endorsement, has now become a phenomenon within the GOP as an ideologically disciplined, pragmatic populist, threatening even Trump's popularity

G. Sampath

In the early weeks of June of 2018, as the Republican primary for the gubernatorial race in Florida was heating up, Adam Putnam, the State's agriculture commissioner and a party veteran, was the clear favourite to win the nomination. In polls, Mr. Putnam led his nearest rival, a young upstart of a Congressman named Ron DeSantis, 32% to 17%. Mr. Putnam also led Mr. DeSantis in fundraising and endorsements by influential conservative groups. The Republication nomination seemed Mr. Putnam's for the taking.

And then, on June 22, President Donald Trump tweeted his official endorsement of Mr. DeSantis, and things began to shift. When Mr. Trump turned up for a DeSantis rally in July, the change became irreversible. With Trump loyalists throwing their weight behind him, Mr. DeSantis built a 12% led over Mr. Putnam and never looked back as he clinched the Republican nomination, and subsequently beat the Democratic nominee by the narrowest of margins (34,000 votes) to become one of Florida's youngest Governors.

Not surprisingly, many – not least Mr. Trump himself – view Mr. DeSantis's political rise as 'Trump-made'. While this is true to a large extent, what has since become clear is that it doesn't fully account for the DeSantis phenomenon. If Mr. Trump paved the runway for Mr. DeSantis's political takeoff with the governorship of Florida, it wasn't an act of generosity. It happened because Mr. DeSantis – widely acknowledged as an ambitious, super-smart, and calculating politician who takes the long view – planned for it and worked towards it.

Like many middle-of-the-road Republicans, Mr. DeSantis had maintained his distance from Mr. Trump in the run-up to the 2016 Presidential elections – after all, not many expected the maverick reality show celeb to actually win. In March 2016, Mr. DeSantis even took pains to clarify that an old tweet of Trump praising him was not really an "endorsement" and that he had never met Mr. Trump. But from 2017 onwards, once Mr. Trump took office, Mr. DeSantis fashioned himself as Mr. Trump's most visible, and voluble, supporter, turning up regularly on Fox News to defend the indefensible.

In what could be a revealing aspect of his political persona, although Mr. DeSantis received invitations from all the leading different TV networks, he would generally go to Fox because he knew that's where he would be noticed by Mr. Trump, and over a period of time, he used the Fox platform to position himself nationally among Trump supporters as the leading Trumpian. In August 2017, Mr. DeSantis proposed an amendment to defund the Robert Mueller probe into Russian interference in the 2016 elections. If all of this was calculated to win over Mr. Trump, then Mr. DeSantis succeeded completely, as evidenced by Mr. Trump's wholehearted endorsement.

Silver lining

But today, with Mr. Trump's handpicked candidates flopping badly in the midterm elections, it was Mr. DeSantis' reelection as Florida Governor – by a massive margin of 20 percentage points – that's become the silver lining in what has been a dismal outing for the GOP. The stark contrast between the showing of Trump-backed candidates in other States and the result in Florida has already led analysts to anoint Mr. DeSantis as the new face of the Republican Party and the leading Presidential contender for 2024, if Mr. Trump chooses not to run.

But on November 15, Mr. Trump announced his intent to run for the 2024 Presidential elections. And while he still occupies pole position among the Republicans, support for Mr. DeSantis has been growing, much to the resentment of Mr. Trump, who has irritably branded him "DeSanctimonious". Loyalty to Mr. Trump would demand that Mr. DeSantis announce he is not running for 2024. Mr. Trump may be expecting something to that effect – but it hasn't been forthcoming, leading to feverish speculation about a Trump vs DeSantis face-off in the 2024 primaries.

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Mr. DeSantis, on the face of it, seems like someone made-to-order for American presidency. Unlike Mr. Trump – who claims to be but isn't – he is a self-made man from an authentic middle class background. Born in Jacksonville, Florida, Mr. DeSantis's mother was a critical care nurse and his father worked for Nielsen, going door to door installing boxes that helped track television ratings. He got a scholarship to Yale, where he studied history, captained the baseball team, and graduated *magna cum laude*. Then he went to Harvard Law School, served in Iraq, and remains a part of the Navy reserve. He was elected to the House of Representatives in 2012, where his most notable contribution was to help found the Freedom Caucus – a group of hard-right conservatives. He was less interested in making friends on Capitol Hill than in networking with the powerful conservative think tanks such as Club for Growth, and in getting into spaces frequented by billionaires.

In terms of his political positions, there is little to distinguish Mr. DeSantis from Mr. Trump, except for the fact that the former is more consistent, more coherent, and more pragmatic when needed. Like Mr. Trump, Mr. DeSantis is hostile to immigrants (he famously released an ad where he teaches his kids to "build the wall"), opposed to LGBTQ rights, is anti-abortion, pro-gun lobby, and generally in favour of less regulation and lower taxes. But like every other rightwing populist, it is not on economic issues but in the culture wars that Mr. DeSantis has sought to make his political mark.

Here, his handling of the pandemic as Florida Governor – considered a disaster by respected epidemiologists – is a case in point. Invoking a libertarian notion of freedom, at the height of the pandemic, he banned mask mandates, opened schools, and forbid businesses from barring unvaccinated employees from their premises. As Florida's case load shot up, and the press went after him, Mr. DeSantis remained unfazed.

Citadel of freedom

When the pandemic had passed and the overall COVID mortality numbers came in, Florida was just one place below California, which had one of the most stringent lockdowns in the country. While the numbers could have other explanations, including state-specific demographic factors, Mr. DeSantis claimed that he had preserved Florida as a lone 'citadel of freedom' in a country overrun by 'wokes'. Mr. DeSantis has aggressively pursued the culture war – against liberals, against 'woke culture', against 'corporate media' – in a manner designed to get him maximum political mileage among the white working classes. His so-called 'Don't Say You're Gay' law, under which educators are forbidden to discuss sexual orientation and gender identity with students before the fourth grade, is one such salvo. In the process, he has manoeuvred himself to the centre of Trumpian politics, saying, "I'm anti-woke. I'm anti-elites. I'm against the press. I'm against the pinhead politicians in Washington."

The midterms have shown the Biden presidency to be more resilient than it seems, and Mr. Trump's failure appears to suggest that there could be a limit beyond which culture wars alone may not be enough to get over the line. This is where Mr. DeSantis's pragmatism could serve him well – as Florida Governor, he did move towards the centre, raising salaries for public school teachers and allocating fresh funds for restoration of the Everglades ecosystem. The same pragmatic streak could also make him wait until 2028 – or until Mr. Trump knocks himself out one final time, whichever comes first – before he makes an earnest bid for the White House.

THE GIST

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- He got a scholarship to Yale, where he studied history, captained the baseball team, and graduated magna cum laude, before going to Harvard Law School
- DeSantis was elected to the House of Representatives in 2012, where his most notable contribution was to help found the Freedom Caucus — a group of hard-right conservatives

The rabble-rouser

Itamar Ben-Gvir

The ultra-orthodox rightwing politician, who was once convicted for incitement of racism, has emerged as a critical partner of Benjamin Netanyahu's coalition

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In 1995, he stole the Cadillac emblem from the car of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, the Labour leader who signed the Oslo Accord with Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat two years earlier. "We got to his car," the 19-year-old Itamar Ben-Gvir said before the camera. "We'll get to him, too." A few weeks later, Rabin, a Nobel Peace Prize winner, was assassinated by a Jewish extremist. Shimon Peres, who would succeed Rabin, called for early elections, seeking a fresh mandate for peace. But Peres would suffer a surprise defeat in the elections at the hands of a young, rightwing Likud leader – Benjamin Netanyahu under whose watch the Oslo process would collapse. Now, when Mr. Netanyahu returns to power after a brief spell in the opposition, his most important political ally is the 46-year-old Ben-Gvir.

Until recently, Mr. Ben-Gvir was seen as a Palestinian-hating, far-right fringe element in Israeli politics. In the March 2020 election, his Jewish Power (Otzma Yehudit) party polled only 20,000 votes nationwide, or 0.42%. (In Israel's proportional representation system, the threshold to enter the Knesset is 3.25%.) But in the March 2021 election, Mr. Ben-Gvir joined hands with the National Union's Bezalel Smotrich to form the Religious Zionist party. It was Mr. Netanyahu's idea. The Likud leader wanted the rightwing parties to come together and contest the polls.

The Religious Zionism won 5.1% of the total votes and got 6 seats in the Knesset, including Mr. Ben-Gvir's. In this year's election, the Religious Zionism doubled the vote share to 10.83% and secured 14 seats, to become the third largest bloc in the Knesset, after Mr. Netanyahu's Likud (32) and Yair Lapid's centre-right Yesh Atid (24).

'State of Ayatollahs'

Mr. Ben-Gvir's rise has already led to widespread concerns about the incoming government both inside and outside Israel. Israeli President Isaac Herzog was caught on the mic saying "the entire world" is concerned about Mr. Ben-Gvir's entry into government. Avigdor Liberman, the secular rightwing leader and one-time ally of Mr. Netanyahu, says the new coalition wants to turn Israel into a "state of the ayatollahs".

Their concerns are not entirely baseless as Mr. Ben-Gvir has a controversial past (and present). Naftali Bennett, the former rightwing Prime Minister, once refused to run in the same list as Mr. Ben-Gvir, because he had a picture hanging in his living room of Baruch Goldstein, the American-Israeli who massacred 29 Palestinian Muslims in Hebron in 1994.

Mr. Ben-Gvir was once associated with Rabbi Meir Kahane's racist Kach Movement, which stands officially banned in Israel. When he turned 18, the Israeli Defence Forces exempted him from the mandatory military training because his radical views were seen to be too risky. In 2007, he was convicted for incitement of racism and links to a terrorist group (Kach). After entering politics, he said the Arab citizens who are not loyal to the state of Israel must be "expelled". He also wanted the police to be given powers to shoot Palestinian stone pelters. He further said he would set up a government ministry to encourage the emigration of Arabs from Israel.

Despite his extreme views (or in spite of), Mr. Ben-Gvir has managed to achieve what the far-right blocs he had once been associated with couldn't– mainstream the explicitly anti-Arab politics. He wants the new government to legalise all Jewish settlements on the occupied West Bank and reform Israel's judicial system, giving more powers to Parliament. With a clear majority between Likud and other rightwing parties, Mr. Netanyahu's government could change the face of Israel for good.

"Usually in the Likud coalitions, there would be a centrist or secular party that would balance the governmental agenda. But if you look at the current coalition (Likud, United Torah Judaism, Shas and Religious Zionism), Likud is the most leftwing party," a foreign journalist based in Israel recently told *The Hindu* in Jerusalem. "That's how Israel has changed. Ben-Gvir is the clearest manifestation of this change."

Chasing elusive peace

The Moscow Format

Russia, China, India and other countries come together to find an inclusive political solution to the Afghan crisis through talks

Kallol Bhattacherjee

In the early days of the Donald Trump administration, as it became apparent that parts of the U.S. establishment had been engaging the Taliban for talks, various other stakeholders activated overt dialogue platforms to discuss the future of Afghanistan. It was against this backdrop that the Moscow Format Consultations on Afghanistan was launched in 2017, consisting of representatives of Russia, Afghanistan, India, Iran, China and Pakistan. It was aimed at ensuring a political settlement, intra-Afghan dialogue and creation of a stable and inclusive government in Kabul after the U.S. withdrawal.

The fourth edition of the format was held in the Russian capital on November 16. The call for the dialogue was given by Zamir Nabiyevich Kabulov, Special Representative of the President of the Russian Federation for Afghanistan. In an article published in *Nezavisimaya Gazeta*, Mr. Kabulov launched a scathing criticism of the American handling of the Afghan situation as the U.S. banks continue to hold around $9 billion of the Afghan reserves. Setting the stage for another round of the Moscow Format Consultations, Mr. Kabulov said, "Together with our regional partners, we counter this line of the West with efforts to coordinate assistance to the political and socio-economic stabilisation of the situation in Afghanistan, based on the understanding that the true national reconciliation is achievable through the creation of an inclusive ethno-political state leadership."

Difficult situation

The job is not easy. The Moscow Format's members are trying to deal with a difficult situation in which they want the Taliban to crack down on extremist and terror outfits inside Afghanistan even though the Taliban have not received global recognition as the de facto ruler of Kabul.

The members of the grouping have varying degrees of concerns regarding the Taliban regime. None of the member countries, in sync with the rest of the global community, has recognised the predominantly Pashtun set-up that replaced the Government of President Ashraf Ghani on August 16, 2021. But almost all the states have engaged the Taliban in security related dialogue. That apart, Russia, China, Iran and Pakistan have maintained diplomatic presence in Kabul.

That apart, Tajik, Kyrgyz, Kazakh, and Uzbek officials have interacted with the Taliban on several occasions ever since the seismic developments of August 2021. India too has sent a special group of officials to Kabul to run the basic functions of the Embassy in Kabul and has been sending large quantities of humanitarian assistance to the country. Prior to this, India had participated in the third round of Moscow Format talks that was held in October 2021 in which an Indian delegation interacted with the Taliban representatives in Moscow.

Both Iranian and Russian missions in Kabul came under repeated attacks recently. China, on the other side, has its own concerns, mainly related to the presence of Uighur militants belonging to the ETIM or the East Turkestan Islamic Movement. The total number of the ETIM fighters are not fully known but it is estimated to have at least 1,000 armed rebels in its ranks who are mostly from the Xinjiang province of China. That apart, China is concerned about the safety of its workers who are stationed in Pakistan and are active in safeguarding the China Pakistan Economic Corridor. So all sides, including India, Russia, China and Central Asian republics want to see a stable solution to the Afghan crisis so that their interests would be protected.

In the fourth round of consultations, the participants called for an "inclusive government" and for "national reconciliation" but the Taliban did not promise that it will endorse the Moscow Format's recommendations and merely recognised the "praiseworthy stance". In a curious turn of phrase, the Taliban said it will not allow "any third country to place military facilities in Afghanistan" and hinted at a quid pro quo, saying countries should not "put their land and airspace at the disposal of other countries against Afghanistan."

INBRIEF

'Air India to unveil premium economy class in some flights'

Air India will be introducing premium economy class in some of its long-haul international flights next month, its chief Campbell Wilson said on Saturday. "We've recently completely revamped the domestic inflight menu, and will be doing likewise, as well as launching premium economy on certain long-haul international flights next month," Mr. Wilson said. PTI

Yatra Online Inc.'s India arm gets SEBI nod to float IPO

Yatra Online Inc. said its Indian subsidiary Yatra Online Ltd. had received SEBI's clearance to float an initial public offering (IPO).

The proposed IPO comprises a fresh issue of equity shares worth up to ₹750 crore by Yatra India and an offer for sale (OFS) of up to 93,28,358 equity shares, according to the draft red herring prospectus (DRHP). As part of the OFS, THCL Travel Holdings Cyprus Ltd. and Pandara Trust - Scheme I, through its trustee Vistra ITCL (India) would offload shares. PTI

Gem, jewellery exports grew 7.9% in April-October: GJEPC

Gem and jewellery exports from India grew 7.9% to ₹1,88,183.89 crore in the April to October period, despite a decline of 14.6% to ₹25,843.84 crore in the month of October, according to the Gem & Jewellery Exports Promotion Council (GJEPC). "We had witnessed the usual pre-Diwali buzz as factories rushed to complete export orders in time for Thanksgiving and Christmas," said chairman Vipul Shah. "The upcoming holiday season in the West and the Chinese New Year will give a boost to exports," he added.

Centre scraps export tax on iron ore, steel

Duty had been aimed at helping curb inflation but ended up denting exports of the ore, metal products; the decision comes even as international demand, including in China, has been weakening; industry officials welcome move, some express doubts about prospects of a revival in exports

Reuters
NEW DELHI

India scrapped export taxes on low-grade iron ore and on some intermediate steel products beginning Saturday, after months of complaints from miners and steel makers about loss of foreign sales opportunities.

A notification, issued late on Friday, reverses the imposition in May of a 50% tax on exports of iron-ore lumps and fines with less than 58% iron content.

The government also reversed a May increase in export tax on iron ore concentrates other than roasted iron pyrites. That tax returns to 30% from 50%.

The additional tax imposed in May was intended to boost domestic supply of iron ore, a raw ingredient for making steel, and thereby hold down inflation. India exported less than half as much steel in the seven months to October as it did a year earlier, according to government data seen by Reuters.

Major steel makers have urged the government to unwind the additional export taxation, saying it added to their problem of weakening global demand.

Despite the latest tax reductions, a top miners' organisation remained doubtful about the prospect of exports reviving.

The "Chinese market is not very buoyant now. Let us see how much we are able to export," R.K. Sharma, secretary-general of the Federation of Indian Mineral Industries, told Reuters. "Once you disturb the trade, to recover is very difficult."

Earlier this month, Mr. Sharma said India's iron ore exports had dropped to "nearly zero" in October due to the higher export taxes and was further expected to languish due to lower demand from China's weak economy.

Indian producers of low-grade ore depend largely on foreign markets, because most major domestic steel producers use high-grade iron ore.

On Friday, the government also removed a 15% export tax on some intermediate steel products, such as bars and rods, that it had also imposed in May.

Last week, JSW Steel Ltd., the country's largest steelmaker by capacity, told Reuters it expected its exports in the financial year to March 2023 to fall to their lowest level in more than five years because of reduced global demand and the added duty.

'Boost sentiment'

Joint managing ndirector Seshagiri Rao M.V.S said on Saturday removal of the extra levies would boost sentiment in the industry.

"We welcome the government's decision to roll back the export duty on steel products and iron ore," said Tata Steel MD T.V. Narendran.

"India, being richly endowed with iron ore, has a great opportunity to make steel in India, for India, and for the world," he added.

(With additional reporting by Lalatendu Mishra)

Restoring parity

Government responds to miners, steel makers' pleas seeking removal of the export levy

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- India's exports of steel in the seven months to October shrank to less than half the amount it had shipped in the year-earlier period

Air India is in talks with Airbus, Boeing to purchase aircraft, says CEO Wilson

Reuters
NEW DELHI

Tata Group-owned Air India is in talks with Boeing and Airbus about ordering new aircraft and is meeting its immediate needs by leasing planes and repairing grounded aircraft, the airline's chief executive said on Saturday.

The autos-to-steel conglomerate, which completed its purchase of Air India in January, faces an uphill struggle to upgrade an ageing fleet, turn around the company's financials and improve service levels, industry analysts say.

Campbell Wilson

"We are in deep discussion with Boeing, Airbus and engine manufacturers for a historic order of the latest generation aircraft that will power Air India's medium- and long-term growth," CEO Campbell Wilson said at a Tata corporate event in Mumbai.

Mr. Wilson said Air India planned to expand its fleet and global network, aiming to increase its market share to 30% on both domestic and international routes over the next five years. At present, Air India has a domestic market share of about 10% and an international market share of about 12%, according to industry estimates.

Air India said in September it would lease 30 Boeing and Airbus planes, expanding its fleet by more than 25% as part of a drive to boost market share and to improve service levels.

Industry sources said in July that Air India was moving closer to a decision on an order worth $50 billion at list prices to be split between Airbus and Boeing.

The sources had said at the time that both planemakers were making a "final push" with the order set to include up to 70 wide-body jets including Airbus A350s and Boeing 787s and 777s, and up to 300 single-aisle planes.

'Crowdsourcing ideas can help auditors'

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

National Financial Reporting Authority (NFRA) chief Ajay Bhushan Prasad Pandey pitched for crowdsourcing efforts to identify risks to help auditors meet stakeholder expectations as well as in looking at new risk areas.

The moot question of meeting expectations of stakeholders is not being rightly addressed as the solution to the underlying cause is getting postponed or wished away by excessive dissection of something called 'audit expectation gap', he added.

Citing the Brydon review report in the aftermath of the Carillion failure in the U.K., Mr. Pandey said he tended to agree with the view that the problem is not one of expectations, rather there was a grave 'delivery gap' when it came to audit.

Construction and services firm Carillion plc went into liquidation in 2018. Mr. Pandey was addressing audit firms on the topic of regulatory expectations from the profession in India on Friday.

India's power units binge on coal, outpace Asia

Reuters
MUMBAI

On a sprint: India's surge in coal-fired output for March-to-August was 14 times faster than the average in Asia Pacific. AFP

India's coal-fired power output has increased much faster than any other country in the Asia Pacific since Russia's invasion of Ukraine, underscoring the challenges the world's third-largest greenhouse gas emitter faces in weaning its economy off carbon.

Coal fuels almost three-quarters of the power output of India, which presented its decarbonisation strategy at the UN's COP27 climate summit this week – the last of the world's five largest economies to do so.

Use of coal globally, including in power generation, has grown since Russia's invasion of Ukraine in late February sent prices of other fossil fuels surging, derailing efforts to transition to cleaner fuels.

But the increase in India's coal-fired power output has outstripped that of regional peers, data from the government and analysts showed.

India's Power Ministry did not immediately respond to a Reuters request for comment. When asked about high coal use, the government has previously cited lower per capita emissions compared with richer nations and surging renewable energy output.

India's coal-fired power output increased more than 10% year-on-year from March to October to 757.82 terawatt hours, an analysis of government data showed, as electricity demand climbed off the back of a heatwave and pickup in economic activity. The government expects this output to grow at the fastest pace in at least a decade in the current fiscal ending March 2023.

An analysis of data from independent think tank Ember shows India's surge in coal-fired output for the March-to-August period was 14 times faster than the average in Asia Pacific. The heat wave and economic revival following the pandemic meant overall electricity demand grew twice as fast as rest of the region, Ember's data showed.

The European Union was the only region where coal-fired power output grew at a rate faster than India, Ember data showed, as nations in the region scrambled to reduce their reliance on Russian supplies. India is also the only major country in Asia, besides Japan, where the contribution of coal-fired power in overall electricity production increased in the six months since March, the data shows.

Clean energy efforts

India wants countries to agree to phase down all fossil fuels at the COP27 summit, rather than a narrower deal to phase down coal as was agreed last year.

State-run Coal India, the country's dominant coal miner, ramped up production to meet the utility demand. It reported a 13.5% year-on-year increase in coal output in March-October to a record high of 432 million tonnes.

Imports jump

Imports of thermal coal, predominantly used in power generation, rose by more than a quarter in the same period, double the pace seen in the pre-COVID years between 2017 to 2019, data from consultancy Coalmint showed.

"Like in China, Indian coal-fired generation will be correlated with Indian power demand – if total demand increases, then more coal-fired generation will be needed," said Jake Horslen, an analyst at Energy Aspects. China's strict "COVID-zero" policy and resulting restrictions, plus increased use of renewable and hydro sources of power generation, led to a decline in coal use.

Consultancy Wood Mackenzie expects India's coal-fired power output to grow 10% in 2022 compared with the previous year. Official data reviewed by Reuters shows that renewable energy generation grew 21% in March to October, even as coal use for power increased.

CUB aims to achieve more than 15% credit growth in FY23: MD

N. Anand
CHENNAI

City Union Bank Ltd. (CUB) said it had started working towards achieving a credit growth of more than 15% for the current fiscal as it has been meeting all its set parameters.

"We have already started taking things in that direction," said MD & CEO N. Kamakodi. "The results will be seen by the fourth quarter," he added.

The lender had posted 12% growth in the last quarter and performance was on the expected lines, he said, adding, "We have slowly started pushing to accelerate growth to 15-18% for FY23, and the growth will be back as usual."

In an earnings call, Mr. Kamakodi said that overall slippages had come down and recoveries were improving. "So, going forward, it should result in a significant reduction in the gross and net non-performing assets."

SpiceJet dues

On the dues from SpiceJet, he said the airline had started to settle the dues in a phased manner as per the agreed time schedule.

Till October 22, SpiceJet had repaid ₹17.5 crore and the current outstanding was ₹82.5 crore.

Stating that there was a small dip in the bank's capital adequacy ratio to 20.08%, from 20.48% in the first quarter, he said it was mainly due to increased contribution from non-gold loans. "Even during COVID period, we were one of the few banks" which coped without fresh capital infusion, he added.

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DELIGHTED

Eriksen says it's 'very special' to be back at the WC after collapse

Christian Eriksen says it is "very special" to be back at the World Cup as he seeks to complete a remarkable comeback from his cardiac arrest during the European Championship last year. "It's very special to be at a World Cup for your national team," said Eriksen. "It's something I've tried and I'm happy to be back again."

WHISTLE MAN

Italian referee Orsato to handle opening game of World Cup

Italian referee Daniele Orsato, 47, was chosen to handle the opening game of the World Cup. FIFA picked Orsato for Sunday's match between Qatar and Ecuador, describing him as "one of Europe's most experienced referees". Until 2016, FIFA imposed a mandatory age limit of 45 on officials for international games.

GOING HIS WAY

Germany goalkeeper Neuer to defy FIFA on captains' armbands

Germany goalkeeper Manuel Neuer is set to defy FIFA's campaign for captains to wear only official armbands with selected slogans at World Cup games. Neuer confirmed he will wear the 'One Love' design even if it comes with a fine. "It's good that we have the power with other nations in Western Europe," Neuer said.

DOUBLE STANDARDS

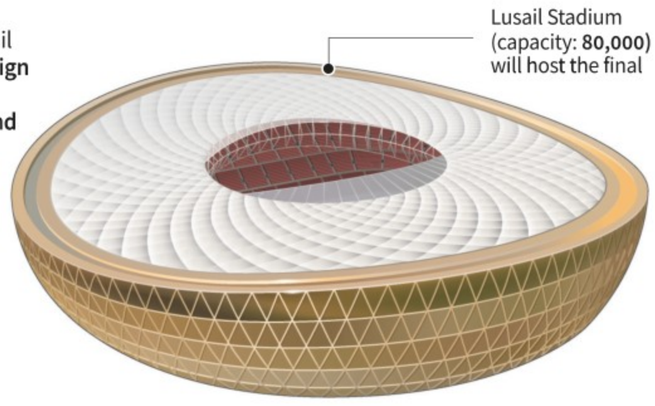
FIFA chief Infantino accuses World Cup critics of 'hypocrisy'

FIFA president Gianni Infantino hit back at criticism of Qatar's human rights record on Saturday, blasting the "hypocrisy" of Western critics. Infantino, speaking in Doha, said, "For what we Europeans have been doing for the last 3,000 years, we should apologise for the next 3,000 years..."

2022 **World Cup** schedule

As Qatar gears up for the FIFA World Cup, eight stadiums across the city will give tourists and football aficionados a chance to relish the architectural splendour of the country alongside the sport

- Centrepiece of Lusail City metropolis – **design emulates decorative motifs on bowls found in Middle East**
- Vast World Cup budget reportedly around **$200bn** – eight stadia, plus training sites and football pitches, cost some **$6.5bn alone**



32 teams will contest a total of 64 matches over four weeks

FIFA rank (Aug. 2022)

GROUP A — Nov. (48 Qatar, 44 Ecuador, 18 Senegal, 8 Netherlands)

20	Qatar	9.30 p.m.	Ecuador	Al Bayt
21	Senegal	9.30 p.m.	Netherlands	Al Thumama
25	Qatar	6.30 p.m.	Senegal	Al Thumama
	Netherlands	9.30 p.m.	Ecuador	Khalifa
29	Ecuador	8.30 p.m.	Senegal	Khalifa
	Netherlands	8.30 p.m.	Qatar	Al Bayt

GROUP C — Nov./Dec. (3 Argentina, 53 Saudi Arabia, 12 Mexico, 26 Poland)

22	Argentina	3.30 p.m.	Saudi Arabia	Lusail
	Mexico	9.30 p.m.	Poland	Stadium 974
26	Poland	6.30 p.m.	S. Arabia	Education City
27	Argentina	12.30 a.m.	Mexico	Lusail
1	Poland	12.30 a.m.	Argentina	Stadium 974
	Saudi Arabia	12.30 a.m.	Mexico	Lusail

GROUP E — Nov./Dec. (6 Spain, 34 Costa Rica, 11 Germany, 24 Japan)

23	Germany	6.30 p.m.	Japan	Khalifa
	Spain	9.30 p.m.	Costa Rica	Al Thumama
27	Japan	3.30 p.m.	Costa Rica	Ahmad bin Ali
28	Spain	12.30 a.m.	Germany	Al Bayt
2	Japan	12.30 a.m.	Spain	Khalifa
	Costa Rica	12.30 a.m.	Germany	Al Bayt

GROUP G — Nov./Dec. (1 Brazil, 25 Serbia, 16 Switzerland, 38 Cameroon)

24	Switzerland	3.30 p.m.	Cameroon	Al Janoub
25	Brazil	12.30 a.m.	Serbia	Lusail
	Cameroon	3.30 p.m.	Serbia	Al Janoub
28	Brazil	6.30 p.m.	Switzerland	Stadium 974
3	Serbia	12.30 a.m.	Switzerland	Stadium 974
	Cameroon	12.30 a.m.	Brazil	Lusail

GROUP B — Nov. (5 England, 22 Iran, 14 USA, 19 Wales)

21	England	6.30 p.m.	Iran	Khalifa
22	USA	12.30 a.m.	Wales	Ahmad bin Ali
25	Wales	3.30 p.m.	Iran	Ahmad bin Ali
26	England	12.30 a.m.	USA	Al Bayt
30	Wales	12.30 a.m.	England	Ahmad bin Ali
	Iran	12.30 a.m.	USA	Al Thumama

GROUP D — Nov. (4 France, 39 Australia, 10 Denmark, 30 Tunisia)

22	Denmark	6.30 p.m.	Tunisia	Education City
23	France	12.30 a.m.	Australia	Al Janoub
26	Tunisia	3.30 p.m.	Australia	Al Janoub
	France	9.30 p.m.	Denmark	Stadium 974
30	Australia	8.30 p.m.	Denmark	Al Janoub
	Tunisia	8.30 p.m.	France	Education City

GROUP F — Nov./Dec. (2 Belgium, 43 Canada, 23 Morocco, 15 Croatia)

23	Morocco	3.30 p.m.	Croatia	Al Bayt
24	Belgium	12.30 a.m.	Canada	Ahmad bin Ali
	Belgium	6.30 p.m.	Morocco	Al Thumama
27	Croatia	9.30 p.m.	Canada	Khalifa
	Croatia	8.30 p.m.	Belgium	Ahmad bin Ali
1	Canada	8.30 p.m.	Morocco	Al Thumama

GROUP H — Nov./Dec. (9 Portugal, 60 Ghana, 13 Uruguay, 28 S. Korea)

24	Uruguay	6.30 p.m.	S. Korea	Education City
	Portugal	9.30 p.m.	Ghana	Stadium 974
28	South Korea	6.30 p.m.	Ghana	Education City
29	Portugal	12.30 a.m.	Uruguay	Lusail
	Ghana	8.30 p.m.	Uruguay	Al Janoub
2	South Korea	8.30 p.m.	Portugal	Education City

Second stage

Dec.		Khalifa
3	A1	8.30 p.m.
	B2	
		Ahmad bin Ali
4	C1	12.30 a.m.
	D2	
		Al Janoub
5	E1	8.30 p.m.
	F2	
		Stadium 974
6	G1	12.30 a.m.
	H2	

Quarterfinals

Dec. 10		Lusail
		12.30 a.m.
Dec. 9		Education City
		8.30 p.m.

Semifinal

Dec. 14	Lusail
	12.30 a.m.

Third-place play-off

Dec. 17	Khalifa International
	8.30 p.m.

FINAL

Dec. 18	Lusail Stadium
	8.30 p.m.

Semifinal

Dec. 15	Al Bayt
	12.30 a.m.

Quarterfinals

Dec. 11		Al Bayt
		12.30 a.m.
Dec. 10		Al Thumama
		8.30 p.m.

Second stage

Dec.		Al Bayt
5	B1	12.30 a.m.
	A2	
		Al Thumama
4	D1	8.30 p.m.
	C2	
		Education City
6	F1	8.30 p.m.
	E2	
		Lusail
7	H1	12.30 a.m.
	G2	

FIFA WORLD CUP Qatar2022

FIFA World Cup will be telecast live on **Sports18 SD and HD and live streamed on Jio Cinema.**

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Can Messi, Neymar end Europe's hegemony?

A well-rounded Argentina and bookmakers' favourite Brazil will compete for the holy grail to become the first non-European nation to be crowned World champion since 2002

FIFA WORLD CUP

Ayon Sengupta
DOHA

Football – for the first time in its history – has put a mid-winter pause to its lucrative club/league schedules to squeeze in the World Cup. The 29-day showcase is going ahead in Qatar despite protests from European clubs and leagues, which for long had dictated the fortunes and calendar of global football.

FIFA's 2010 vote to award Qatar the 2022 tournament and the resolve to back its decision undeterred by rising disapproval shows the Arabian Gulf's growing influence on the game. But with the World Cup about to kickstart with the opening match on November 20 at the Al Bayt Stadium between the host and Ecuador, there's still uncertainty over Qatar's ability to withstand the pressure of having myriad visitors from across the globe, who are likely to dwarf the local population by at least two-and-a-half times.

However, this World Cup – the last to have 32 teams in the fray – has enough stars to tide over any misgivings once the football starts.

The two South American footballing superpowers – Brazil and Argentina – arrive with plenty of firepower and settled squads, triggering dreams of a Cup triumph that has eluded them for long. Lionel Messi, whose mere presence has improved every club he has played for, has inexplicably failed to exert the same influence in a *La Albiceleste* shirt. But with the Copa America, in 2021, finally crammed into his overspilling trophy cabinet, Argentina is bracing to see the competition swept aside by a surreal final hurrah from the 35-year-old magician.

Ronaldo's quest

For Cristiano Ronaldo – the relentless 'Djoker' to Messi's 'Federeresque' class – the World Cup offers the paradisiac platform to volley – not verbal – away the perceived ill treatments suffered at Manchester United. His Portugal teammates, quite a few from United and its city rival, will be eager to fuel the five-time Ballon d'Or winner's rage to lift the ultimate crown.

Europe has heavyweight presence – despite the absence of Euro champion Italy – in Germany, defending champion France – strengthened by the realignment of the strike force of Karim Benzema and Kylian Mbappe – Spain, and England to continue its 16-year hegemony over the Cup.

Belgium and Croatia – two surprise semifinalists in 2018 – will again summon their ageing 'Golden Generation' of Kevin de Bruyne, Eden Hazard, Luka Modric and Ivan Perisic.

Denmark, on an inspirational run since Christian Eriksen's comeback after his brush with death in Euro 2020, can cause upsets, while the tag of the bookmakers' favourite sits rightly with a Neymar, Gabriel Jesus, Casemiro, Vinicius Junior-encrusted Brazil.

Asia and Africa's hopes of creating ripples rest on Japan, coached by Hajime Moriyasu, and Cup of Nations winner Senegal, despite the last-minute injury withdrawal of Sadio Mane.

This World Cup has all the ingredients to be another best-seller. Qatar – with its bet spread wide; the State-owned Qatar Sports Investment fund employs Messi, Mbappe and Neymar in PSG and players from multiple other World Cup-playing nations – hopes to be the big winner in this game of geopolitical power.

In the line of sight: Argentina fans will hope that Qatar 2022 will prove a golden swansong for Messi. GETTY IMAGES

Records and record-breakers

As the 32-team 22nd edition of the FIFA World Cup begins in Qatar on Sunday, a look at some interesting numbers.

P.K. Ajith Kumar

0 Uruguay has never lost in a World Cup final (won both in 1930 and 1950)

2 Countries which have won successive World Cups - Italy (1934 & 1938) and Brazil (1958 & 1962)

2.64 Goals per game in 2018

2.8 Million, Qatar's population, the lowest of all host nations till date

3 Number of times Netherlands has finished runner-up (1974, 1978 and 2010)

4 Fewest goals by a top-scorer at a World Cup, a record shared by six players (1962)

5 Consecutive World Cups played by Antonio Carbajal (Mexico), Lothar Matthaus (Germany) and Rafael Marquez (Mexico)

5.38 Goals per game in the 1954 edition, the best

6 Triumphs as hosts - Uruguay (1930), Italy (1934), England (1966), West Germany (1974), Argentina (1978) and France (1998)

11 Seconds taken by Turkey's **Hakan Sukur** to score the fastest goal (vs South Korea, 2002)

12 Highest number of goals scored in a World Cup match - Austria vs Switzerland (Austria won 7-5), 1954

13 France's **Just Fontaine** goal's in 1958, the most in an edition

16 **Miloslav Klose** of Germany has scored the most goals at World Cups (2002-2014)

18 Qatar is the 18th host nation

25 Matches **Lothar Matthaus** (Germany) has played, the highest

26 The number of passes Argentina made before Esteban Cambiasso scored against Serbia (2006)

27 Hungary holds the record for most strikes in an edition (1954)

42 **Roger Milla** (Cameroon), the oldest to score a goal (1994)

45 **Essam El-Hadary's** age when the Egyptian took the field in Russia 2018, the oldest

70 Fewest goals at a World Cup (1930 and 1934)

73 Matches won by Brazil, the best by a country

171 Most goals in a tournament (1998 and 2014)

229 Billion USD the host is estimated to spend for 2022

440 Million USD, the total prize-money up for grabs in Qatar

2,217 Minutes played by Italy's **Paolo Maldini**, a record

Lionel Messi on a mission to follow in his idol Diego Maradona's footsteps

The veteran, playing in his fifth World Cup, believes Argentina will be at its best in every match and bring home the trophy after 36 years

INTERVIEW

Lionel Messi

Seeking crowning glory: Messi would be eager to list the World Cup among his achievements when he looks back on his career. GETTY IMAGES

Qatar will be his last World Cup! The last attempt by Lionel Messi, one of the best players in the history of football, to win the coveted cup last won by Argentina when his idol – the late Diego Maradona – was the captain in 1986.

How do you approach the fact that this will be your last World Cup?

Yes, this will be my last. I have made up my mind. It was wonderful to be part every four years since 2006.

I have so much to remember from all those editions. I really do not know how but I shall definitely follow future editions.

Argentina has not won the cup in 36 years...

I know! Those were the days when Argentines fondly remembered what the team did and how it was first won in 1978. We grew up hearing the stories.

Before every World Cup, we hope for the best. But that did not happen which is sad!

Argentina is on a 35-match unbeaten run. How confident is the team?

We are confident. It's nice to go unbeaten for 35 matches. That speaks volumes of the team's ability. But then, this is a World Cup, everything is different. A tournament of seven matches and you need to be at your best every single minute.

How much of a boost will be the fact that you have won two international trophies before the World Cup?

The past does not help in a World Cup. What you did is history. What you are going to do is what the people are looking at. The unbeaten run, those two trophies will definitely boost our confidence, but we have to play well in each of the three group league matches first.

How do you evaluate your group opponents Saudi Arabia, Mexico and Poland?

Is it easy to be part of the World Cup? Ask the teams that have qualified. Because they are among the best 32 at the moment, they are in Qatar. There are neither easy matches nor easy groups in the World Cup.

A match against Robert Lewandowski's Poland in group stage, your thoughts

He is a champion footballer, scores a lot of goals and has won so many trophies for his clubs. Now that he is in FC Barcelona, the club I was part of for one-and-a-half decades, it's really good to see him in the Catalan colours. But this will be different. He has taken his team to the World Cup and will be as eager as I am to beat rivals.

Is Argentina among the favourites to win the Cup?

We are certainly not among the favourites, like some other teams. But, whenever Argentina takes part in a tournament, the intention is always to perform at the best of our abilities and to win.

That's what the fans and countrymen expect from us and we are ready to give our best.

Zidane bets on France being champion again

Former *Les Bleus* captain says Latin American teams will have to play out of their skins to break the European domination of the last 16 years

INTERVIEW

Zinedine Zidane

Legend: Zidane has the unique distinction of scoring in two World Cup finals. GETTY IMAGES

Zinedine Zidane boasts the rare achievement of scoring in two World Cup finals and is considered one of the all-time best in the history of football. As coach of Real Madrid, he won three consecutive UEFA Champions League crowns. So there's no surprise that there are rumours that the former captain will succeed Didier Deschamps as France coach after the Qatar World Cup.

France is one of the overwhelming favourites

They should be. The defending champions have played well in the qualifiers. I know it is difficult to win back-to-back World Cups, only two teams have done so – Italy in 1938 and Brazil in 1962. So, it's tough, but France has what it takes to go the distance again.

Coping with the absence of star midfielders Paul Pogba and N'Golo Kante

It will really be tough, but you can't do anything about players getting injured. Injuries are part and parcel of a body-contact game like football. Moreover, since the players are in the club season, it's not unexpected.

Missing two players like Paul and N'Golo will definitely be a problem. But the coach would be prepared.

Eduardo Camavinga is an exciting talent, but this being his World Cup debut will his inexperience be a cause for concern?

True, but this will be a great chance for him and for Aurelien Tchouameni. They need to show character. Challenges bring out the best in you and I am sure these young boys will make everyone proud.

With Kylian Mbappe and Karim Benzema, France has the best attacking duo. Can we expect one of them to be the highest scorer?

We should not forget Antoine Griezmann either. At their best, these three form a devastating combination. Kylian is in great touch and Karim is the *Ballon D'Or* holder. We should see a lot of goals from them and their teammates.

Hugo Lloris' form under the bar

Hugo was our Cup-winning captain in Russia and continues to instil belief that he will not concede easily. One of the best of the current generation, Hugo's presence makes you feel comfortable.

France's group league opponents

Denmark will be a big threat. Australia and Tunisia will challenge the defending champions to the last minute. All the games will be eye-catching and every ball will have to be won. I know it's a cliche, but I want to repeat that there will be no easy games in a World Cup. These days, every team knows their opponent so well through analysis, that winning matches have become more difficult.

It's a fascinating group for France with teams from Asia, Africa and Europe. A South American team could have made the group more interesting!

Having seen European domination for the last 16 years, can the South Americans make a difference this time?

Brazil and Argentina are always big threats. They have strong squads as usual. Yes, they could not do it in recent past. But their forms say, they will do everything to win the Cup in Qatar.

However, I still feel European teams will not let go of their dominance in the premier competition that easily. The Latin Americans will have to play a lot better to break the European chain.

INBRIEF

Deshwal on the prowl as Panthers ease past Yoddhas

Jaipur Pink Panthers put up a clinical performance to defeat U.P. Yoddhas 42-29 in the Pro Kabaddi League at the Gachibowli Indoor Stadium in Hyderabad on Saturday. Arjun Deshwal scored 19 points for Pink Panthers. Telugu Titans, spurred on by home fans, produced a superb show to defeat U Mumba 32-26 and ended its 12-match losing streak.

Djokovic fights past Fritz to enter ATP Finals title round

Novak Djokovic kept his bid for a record-equalling sixth ATP Finals title alive by beating Taylor Fritz of the United States on Saturday to reach the final of the prestigious season-ending tournament. Djokovic, who went unbeaten through the group stage, won 7-6(5), 7-6(6) in just under two hours in Turin, securing the win on his second match point.

India prays for game time in second T20I against NZ

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Esteemed guests: Team India received the traditional Maori *powhiri* welcome at the Bay Oval cricket ground on Saturday. PTI

India will be looking for some game time as it takes on New Zealand in the second Twenty20 International here on Sunday. The series-opener in Wellington was abandoned due to inclement weather and the Indian players must be itching to get onto the park.

Meanwhile, the team management is on the horns of a dilemma, given the presence of a near 33-year-old Bhuvneshwar Kumar. Is Bhuvneshwar going to be around for the T20 World Cup in 2024, considering the sharp decline in his pace? Does he have enough time to work around his issues? Not many T20Is are lined-up, so where does it leave him?

Not playing Bhuvneshwar when he is on the cusp of a personal milestone (four more wickets for the highest tally of 40 in a calendar year) might leave him demoralised.

But playing him will be a missed opportunity for the team management to check out Umran Malik and Mohammed Siraj against players like Finn Allen, Glenn Phillips and Devon Conway.

The squads:

India: Hardik Pandya (Capt.), Rishabh Pant (Vice-Capt. & wk), Shubman Gill, Suryakumar Yadav, Sanju Samson, Shreyas Iyer, Ishan Kishan (wk), Deepak Hooda, Yuzvendra Chahal, Kuldeep Yadav, Washington Sundar, Harshal Patel, Bhuvneshwar Kumar, Umran Malik, Mohammed Siraj and Arshdeep Singh.

New Zealand: Kane Williamson (Capt.), Devon Conway, Finn Allen, Glenn Phillips, Daryl Mitchell, Adam Milne, Michael Bracewll, Ish Sodhi, Mitchell Santner, Lockie Ferguson, Tim Southee and Blair Tickner.

Match starts at 12 noon IST.

Blasters hand Hyderabad its first loss of the season

ISL-9

V.S. Aravind
HYDERABAD

Goalscorer: Diamantakos's strike proved to be the match-winner for Kerala Blasters. FOCUS SPORTS / ISL

Kerala Blasters FC secured its third consecutive win as it beat Hyderabad FC 1-0 in an ISL match at the GMC Balayogi Athletics Stadium here on Saturday.

Hyderabad suffered its first loss of the season but stayed on top of the points table with 16 points from seven games as Kerala moved to third with 12 points from seven games.

Kerala not only broke Hyderabad's winning streak but also punctured its airtight defence by taking an early lead in the 18th minute and held on to the advantage at half-time.

Hyderabad started off well and looked to be the more threatening side but failed to find the back of the net.

Kerala on the other hand, had possession as Dimitrios Diamantakos scored the only goal of the match. Adrian Luna got hold of the ball and chipped into the box as goalkeeper Anuj Kumar stepped out in an attempt to push the ball away.

However, the ball went straight to Diamantakos who with a powerful strike found the back of the net.

Meanwhile, Chennaiyin FC delighted the home crowd with a 3-1 win over Jamshedpur FC – its first at home in four matches.

Coach Thomas Brdaric will be pleased with the way the team played. There was better organisation in the defence, and much flair in the attack.

The triumph also enabled the host to jump two places to fifth place with 10 points from six matches.

The results: Hyderabad FC 0 lost to Kerala Blasters (Diamantakos 18); Chennaiyin 3 (Petar Sliskovic 27, Vincy Barretto 77, El Khayati 85) bt Jamshedpur FC 1 (Ishan Pandita 76).

INBRIEF

I-League: Real Kashmir beats Rajasthan United

Passion was high and the excitement grew greater with each minute as locals came out in huge numbers to support Real Kashmir FC in the I-League match against Rajasthan United FC in Srinagar on Saturday, the first such game in the valley since the COVID-19 outbreak. The hosts won 2-0. Real Kasmir scored in the 21st minute through Moro Lamine and increased the margin in the 77th minute through Jerry Pulamte.

Coorg Direwolves crushes Zenith HC

Coorg Direwolves whipped Zenith HC 11-0 in the KSHA 'C' division hockey league championship in Bengaluru.

The results:
Kaveri SC 4 (Madaiah 30, Dhoni 38, 47, Monnappa 42) bt Naveen HC 'B' 1 (Suraj 23); Coorg Direwolves 11 (Yashwin 3, 24, 25, Sajan 6, 9, Aryan 8, 10, Thimanna 14, Prajwal 17, Rohan Poonacha 38, 39) bt Zenith HC 0.

LIVE TELECAST

NBA: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Voot Select, 6 a.m.

BWF Australian Open: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Voot Select, 7.30 a.m. onwards.

New Zealand vs India: 2nd T20I, Prime Video, 12 p.m.

IRL: (Sprint Race 2): Star Sports 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 2 p.m.; Main Race: Star Sports 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 3.30 p.m.

I-League: Eurosport (SD & HD), 4.30 p.m.

Formula 1: Abu Dhabi GP, SS Select 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 6.30 p.m.

ISL: Star Sports 1 (SD & HD), Star Sports 3 & Hotstar, 7.30 p.m.

PKL: Star Sports 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 7.30 p.m. onwards.

FIFA World Cup 2022: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Voot Select, 9.30 p.m.

ATP Finals: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Voot Select, 11.30 p.m. onwards.

Assam stuns Karnataka

Swarupam and Sibsankar combine for an unbeaten 131-run partnership to outwit Karnataka and top group; Nikin Jose's maiden century in vain

HAZARE TROPHY

Y.B. Sarangi
KOLKATA

Swarupam Purkayastha scored an excellent century to guide Assam to a stunning six-wicket win over Karnataka in an Elite Group B match of the Vijay Hazare Trophy one-day tournament at the 22 Yards ground here on Saturday.

Assam, electing to field, restricted Karnataka to 296 for four and relied on an unbeaten 131-run partnership between experienced hands Swarupam (112 n.o., 102b, 17x4) and Sibsankar Roy (66 n.o., 49b, 7x4, 2x6) to script its fourth victory and become group topper.

Chasing a tricky total, Assam got off to a solid start as Rahul Hazarika (50, 84b, 5x4, 1x6) put on 42 runs with captain Kunal Saikia for the opening wicket and 82 with Swarupam for the second.

Following Hazarika's run out, Assam lost two more wickets but Swarupam batted with determination to forge a match-winning partnership with Sibsankar.

Swarupam, dropped on 50, batted smartly – finding the gaps, executing cheeky late-cuts and driving handsomely – to keep the scorers busy. Southpaw Sibsankar put on display his array of strokes and scored quickly.

Excellent knock: Swarupam batted smartly and with determination. FILE PHOTO

The left-right combination ran hard for the runs and punished the loose deliveries. They gradually shifted the pressure back onto the bowlers and handed Karnataka a first defeat. M. Venkatesh, the replcement for pacer V. Kaverappa, captured two wickets.

Karnataka, following a watchful first hour, gained from a 100-run association between captain Mayank Agarwal (64, 83b, 5x4, 3x6) and Nikin Jose (100, 106b, 9x4, 1x6), who went on to notch up his maiden hundred. Nikin also added 97 with Manish Pandey (58 n.o., 64b, 2x4, 1x6).

Manoj Bhandage's cameo (35 n.o., 19b, 1x4, 3x6) helped Karnataka post a competitive aggregate despite some tidy bowling by Assam.

At the CCFC ground, Delhi trounced Sikkim by 10 wickets. Lalit Yadav and Nitish Rana captured three wickets apiece to bundle out Sikkim for 76. Delhi overhauled the total inside 10 overs.

SATURDAY'S HAZARE TROPHY SCORES

Group A: At New Delhi: Manipur 191/8 in 50 overs (Bikash Singh 44 n.o.) lost to Hyderabad 192/3 in 28.1 overs (Tilak Varma 126 n.o.).

Himachal Pradesh 130 in 36.4 overs (Sumeet Verma 82, Jaydev Unadkat 5/23) lost to Saurashtra 134/2 in 27.2 overs (Sheldon Jackson 56 n.o.).

Tripura 228 in 49.2 overs (Deepak Khatri 42, Wriddhiman Saha 81, Manisankar Murasingh 69, Arzan Nagwaswalla 5/40) lost to Gujarat 230/3 in 45 overs (Priyesh Patel 67, Het Patel 74 n.o., Umang Kumar 43 n.o.).

Uttar Pradesh 309/4 in 50 overs (Madhav Kaushik 134, Aryan Juyal 75, Rinku Singh 73) lost to Chandigarh 310/5 in 50 overs (Arslan Khan 141 n.o., Bhagmender Lather 100).

Group B: At Kolkata: Sikkim 76 in 34.4 overs lost to Delhi 77/0 in 9.2 overs (Dhruv Shorey 43 n.o.).

Jharkhand 321/2 in 50 overs (Utkarsh Singh 128 n.o., Virat Singh 112) bt Meghalaya 129 in 40.3 overs (Punit Bisht 50).

Karnataka 296/4 in 50 overs (Mayank Agarwal 64, Nikin Jose 100, Manish Pandey 58 n.o.) lost to Assam 297/4 in 48.2 overs (Rahul Hazarika 50, Swarupam Purkayastha 112 n.o., Sibsankar Roy 66 n.o.).

Vidarbha 240 in 47.2 overs (Atharva Taide 51, Akshay Wadkar 41) lost to Rajasthan 243/4 in 44.1 overs (Yash Kothari 109 n.o., Mahipal Lomror 81).

Group C: At Bengaluru: Arunachal Pradesh 175 in 50 overs (Techi Doria 50, Kamsha Yangfo 63, Amulya Pandrekar 5/41) lost to Goa 176/5 in 25.3 overs (Snehal Kauthankar 68, Suyash Prabhudessai 62).

Chhattisgarh 304/7 in 50 overs (Sanidhya Hurkat 74, Harpreet Singh 120) bt Bihar 241/9 in 50 overs (Bipin Saurabh 110 n.o.).

Tamil Nadu (TN) 284/7 in 50 overs (B. Sai Sudharsan 67, N. Jagadeesan 128, Shahrukh Khan 46) bt Haryana 133 in 28.3 overs.

Andhra 259/9 in 50 overs (Ricky Bhui 46) bt Kerala 183 in 44.1 overs (Akshay Chandran 41).

Group D: At Mumbai: Nagaland 146 in 44 overs (Rongsen Jonathan 48) lost to Uttarakhand 148/3 in 24.5 overs (Avneesh Sudha 52 n.o.).

Odisha 268/6 in 50 overs (Abhishek Raut 75, Kartik Biswal 47, Rakesh Pattnaik 53 n.o.) lost to Jammu & Kashmir (J&K) 269/7 in 48.5 overs (Shubham Khajuria 78, Shubham Singh Pundir 57, Sahil Lotra 44).

Punjab 232 in 49.3 overs (Mandeep Singh 90, Kuldeep Sen 5/36) bt Madhya Pradesh (MP) 206 in 47.1 overs (Saransh Jain 43).

Group E: At Ranchi: Mizoram 188/9 in 50 overs (Taruwar Kohli 47, Shreevats Goswami 56) lost to Mumbai 192/3 in 22.5 overs (Prithvi Shaw 54, Yashasvi Jaiswal 63, Armaan Jaffer 55).

Bengal 248/9 in 50 overs (Abhimanyu Easwaran 50, Abishek Porel 54) bt Railways 191 in 43.2 overs.

Maharashtra 304/8 in 50 overs (Rahul Tripathi 111, Ankit Bawne 73) bt Services 243 in 46.4 overs (Shubham Rohilla 114, Manoj Ingale 4/40).

Indian Racing League kicks off with some teething trouble

S. Dipak Ragav
HYDERABAD

The Indian Racing League kicked off its maiden season at India's first street circuit in Hyderabad today on the banks of Hussain Sagar Lake with two free practice sessions.

However, it was a baptism by fire for the organisers as teething troubles meant only the practice sessions could be held with the scheduled qualifying and sprint race for Saturday pushed to Sunday along with the feature race.

Akhilesh Reddy, Director MEIL and Chairman, RPPL (Racing Promotions Pvt Ltd) said, "This is the first time we are doing something on this scale on a street circuit in India. So there were some minor infrastructure issues. However, the team is going to work overnight to rectify these and get the racing going tomorrow."

One of the major issues for the delay was with the barriers in certain parts of the track and the time it took to rectify them affected the schedule.

Earlier, the practice session was flagged off by K.T. Rama Rao, Minister for IT, Industries, MA & UD, Telangana Government.

Ministry approves foreign camps for Neeraj, three others

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

The Sports Ministry has approved Neeraj Chopra's proposal to train at Loughborough University in the UK. Star javelin thrower Neeraj, along with coach Klaus Bartonietz and physiotherapist Ishaan Marwaha, will train at Loughborough for 63 days.

The Mission Olympic Cell (MOC), in its 86th meeting on Friday, also cleared the proposals for shuttler K. Srikanth, wrestler Deepak Punia, and javelin thrower Annu Rani.

Challenger Trophy set to kick off today with a lot on the line

P.K. Ajith Kumar
RAIPUR

Gearing up: India-A trains ahead of its opening match against India-C. P.K. AJITH KUMAR

Winter is slowly setting in in this industrial city in central India. For Indian women's cricket, the cream of which has assembled here, spring may not be far behind.

It could well be just a few months away in fact: the inaugural Women's IPL is likely to be held next March. The professional league, which the women – not just from India – have been awaiting for years, has the potential to transform the game in the country.

The Senior Women's T20 Challenger Trophy, which opens at the Shaheed Veer Narayan Singh Stadium on Sunday, could be the biggest market for talent scouts of the franchises that are planning to own the Women's IPL teams. Much of the present and the future of Indian women's cricket will be in action over the next one week. The only two big names missing are Smriti Mandhana and Harmanpreet Kaur.

Making up for the absence of two batting superstars are players like Shafali Verma, Jemimah Rodrigues, Yastika Bhatia and S. Meghana, all attractive strokemakers. India's entire bowling line-up is here too, so some fascinating duels between the likes of Shafali and Pooja Vastrakar, and Jemimah and Deepti Sharma can be expect.

Players have been split into four teams. After playing each other once, the top two will square off once again in a final on November 26.

Besides impressing the talent scouts, the fringe players could also try to make the Indian squad for next month's five-match T20 series against Australia in Mumbai. There is also the Women's T20 World Cup to be held in South Africa next February.

"It is a great opportunity for the players, some of whom I am seeing for the first time," said Meghana. "All the girls are excited and looking forward to the Women's IPL."

On the opening day, India-A meets India-C and India-B faces India-D.

Australia clinches series against England

Associated Press
SYDNEY

Steve Smith scored 94 runs and Mitchell Starc took four wickets for 47 to lead Australia to a 72-run victory over England on Saturday to clinch the three-match ODI series.

The scores: Australia 280/8 in 50 overs (Steve Smith 94, Marnus Labuschagne 58, Mitchell Marsh 50; Adil Rashid 3/57) bt England 208 in 38.5 overs (James Vince 60, Sam Billings 71; Mitchell Starc 4/47, Adam Zampa 4/45).

Toss: Australia; **MoM:** Starc.

Historic bronze for Manika in Asian Cup

TABLE TENNIS

Sports Bureau

Barely hours after losing her semifinal to Japan's second-seeded Mima Ito in the Asian Cup table tennis tournament in Bangkok on Saturday, Manika Batra returned to produce a dazzling performance to outclass another Japanese Hina Hayata, World No. 6 and the third seed, 4-2 [11-6, 6-11, 11-7, 12-10, 4-11, 11-2] in the match for third place and bag a historic bronze medal.

Unseeded here, Manika, ranked 44 in the world, defeated three much higher-ranked players. First she upset China's Chen Xingtong, World No. 7 and seeded fourth, in the first round (pre-quarterfinals), then put it across Chen Szu-Yu (Taipei), World ranked 23 and seeded eighth, in the quarterfinals and Hayata in the bronze-medal contest. "I am happy to win the bronze medal. This win is a huge one for me, defeating the top players. I enjoyed playing and fighting well against them," said Manika.

China is champion, India finishes seventh

Sports Bureau

China defeated Thailand 2-1, via the tiebreaker, in the final and won the Asia-Oceania blind football championship at the United Sports Centre, Kakkanad, Kochi, on Saturday.

Japan finished third while host India was seventh.

The final placings: 1. China, 2. Thailand, 3. Japan, 4. Iran, 5. South Korea, 6. Malaysia, 7. India, 8. Uzbekistan, 9. Kazakhstan, 10. Australia.

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